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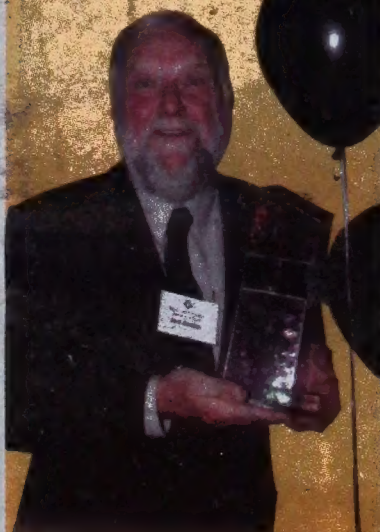
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Haliburton Resident Waves the Flag at the Brier in Calgary

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Around the Brier, Canada's yearly homage to curling supremacy, he's known simply as the Ontario Flag Guy.

He's the guy who pops up on television between ends, running the steps, two at a time, trailing a huge Ontario flag, attached lovingly to makeshift flagpole — which, shh! trade secret, is actually a long and extendable golf ball retriever.

"Ontariooooo!" the Ontario Flag Guy yells.

The cheer is accompanied by a mad Paul Revere dash up and down the steps trailing that lovely Ontario flag.

The older gentlemen in the green sweater, wearing the tam-o-shanter bedecked with pins from all of those Briers he's attended since 1987, is running up those stairs, again, and then again, two at a time, at the Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary, site of the 2009 Brier.

Watching curling on the big screen, at a local watering hole, your neighbor might turn and say, "Hey, that guy looks familiar."

He should. He's been carrying the Ontario flag at the nationally televised curling Brier since 1993.

But people in Haliburton have another reason for that attendant sense of déjà vu.

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Delegation Bashes County's Director of Roads

Last week the Haliburton County Roads Committee heard from a very contentious delegation that definitely tested the metal of Doug Ray, the County's Director of Roads. Ray, who normally presents reports and recommendations for the Committee to review in a quiet and professional manner, was accused of various & sundry inadequacies by Gary Warburton who had a number of concerns which were topped by the condition of the Allsaw hill and bridge on County Road 21.

Warburton was worried about the number of accidents that have occurred on the hill. He detailed several incidents and said he wanted County Council to take action that would make that section of road safer before anything else happens. He was particularly irate over an incident when he called the Roads Department about the amount of snow on the hill after seeing a near accident. He said there was over 12 inches of snow on the hill and even after calling for a plow, it took the truck far too long to respond.

Warburton said that when he called the County office, he was advised that the plows were not out as the budget had been used up. According to Warburton, when he later spoke with the (past) Chair of the Committee, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, he was advised that was not the case. Warburton said, "This is making me look like a liar. There was 12 inches of snow on the road and others are trying to tell me that the road was only windblown with a bit of slush on it."

Warburton said there were other people who would back up his story. He then accused Ray of having a way of twisting words. He said, "He twists the truth and Council falls for it. He should get his facts straight."

Warburton said that the County should not put salt on the roads while plow-



*"There are always two sides to every story."
(Reeve Eleanor Harrison)*

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David Lee * 286-1234
www.haliburtonhighlands-realestate.ca

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This lge 3 bdrm home sits on a level lot w/ a big lake view & sand shore. Conveniently located min. from 'Sir Sam's Area' w/ 12 downhill runs & 6 lifts. Snowmobile trails are close by & skating on the lake out front. Easy year round access on municipal road. Huge living room and dining room with patio doors. Spacious master bdrm with ensuite & wonderful lake views. This waterfront home/cottage is perfect for the family.

Tom Gardner* 286-1234

KUSHOG LAKE - \$489,000



Well built 3 bdrm 2 bath home, with detached dble 24 x 24 gar., a heated 24 x 24 workshop, 24 x 16 carport & a 24 x 10 storage. 2400 sq ft of living space, floor to ceiling stone FP, large kit, immaculate throughout. Full bsmt w/ w/o to lake. This home shows pride of ownership with many outstanding features, master bdrm is 14 x 12 w/ an en-suite, incl. all window coverings, power awning, stove top wall oven, plus a sunroom with a fantastic western view of lake.

Al Mayo * 286-1234

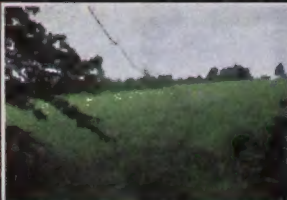
BEECH RIVER - \$299,000



Minutes away by boat to Boshkung Lake from this three bedroom back split on Beech River. Well treed level lot, beautiful stone fireplace. Wide part of river for great swimming.

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150 acre of prime land ideal for farming development small hunt camp included in property this is a one of a kind property.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234

Searching for "Nature's Gold"

Workshop Teaches Participants about Tapping and Taste-Testing



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Families participated in a one-of-a-kind experience on Saturday, March 21, when they went on a quest to find some of "nature's gold".

By strapping on snowshoes and taking a hike through the maple bush at Moon Shadows Estate Winery on Hwy 118 in Haliburton, a small group learned all about the work that goes into the production of maple syrup. The expert teacher on the subject for the afternoon was the owner of the winery, Eric Thompson.

After taking a tour of the 43-acre property, participants gathered in Thompson's sugar shack where they were able to taste-test some of the sweet goodness. Also, those old enough had the chance to try out some of the unique wines that are made at Haliburton's only winery.

The maple syrup workshop was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network. ■



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Special theme days that added some extra excitement to the week included: sports day, p.j. day, St. Patrick's Day, ice fishing day, beach party day and pirate day.



THURSDAY



Cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers

▲ 5° ▼ -3°

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy and milder

▲ 9° ▼ 2°

SATURDAY



Breezy with showers developing

▲ 7° ▼ -2°

SUNDAY



A.M. rain showers, P.M. snow showers

▲ 4° ▼ -8°

MONDAY



Breezy with morning flurries

▲ 3° ▼ -4°

TUESDAY



Cloudy with snow showers

▲ 2° ▼ -8°

WEDNESDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy and chilly

▲ -1° ▼ -11°

AROUND THE REGION: A few afternoon showers will be possible on Thursday afternoon as highs reach the middle single digits. Friday will be very nice with some sunshine and highs near 10. More showers will move in on Saturday afternoon and continue into Sunday morning. Colder air will change the rain to snow showers by afternoon. Highs will be in the single digits.

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers

LOTTO
649

Mar 21, 2009

14 19 34 37 39 42

Bonus Number 47

Encore 0233517

SUPER
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Mar 20, 2009

10 23 28 29 31 32 46

Bonus Number 03

Encore 3621456

TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	32/23/su	32/22/su	31/20/su	Montego Bay	28/22/sh	29/23/pc	28/23/su
Antigua	28/22/sh	28/22/pc	27/22/su	Nassau	26/20/su	27/21/su	26/23/su
Barbados	28/23/sh	30/24/sh	29/25/dz	Port au Prince	27/21/sh	28/23/sh	29/23/dz
Bermuda	17/8/su	21/13/cl	24/18/cl	Puerto Vallarta	32/16/su	31/18/su	30/13/su
Cancun	32/23/su	33/24/su	29/23/su	St Thomas	28/21/su	29/23/su	27/22/pc
Curacao	31/25/sh	31/24/ts	29/23/dz	St Maarten	27/21/pc	28/22/su	26/23/pc
Freeport	25/19/su	27/21/pc	28/22/su	San Jose, CR	29/18/ts	29/18/ts	30/19/pc
Georgetown	31/25/pc	31/26/pc	30/23/su	San Juan	28/22/su	27/22/su	27/23/su
Havana	27/21/pc	31/20/pc	32/21/su	San Salvador	32/22/ts	31/23/pc	32/21/su
Key West	27/20/pc	28/22/pc	27/23/pc	Santo Domingo	27/22/ts	28/21/pc	29/21/su
Kingston	29/23/sh	29/24/sh	30/28/ts	Trinidad	31/26/dz	31/26/ts	31/26/ts

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	4/-3/sh	9/2/pc	7/-2/sh	4/-8/mx	3/-4/cl	1/-8/sf	-1/-1/pc
Barrie	6/-2/sh	11/3/pc	8/-1/sh	5/-6/mx	3/-3/cl	2/-7/sf	0/-9/pc
Dorset	4/-3/sh	9/1/pc	7/-2/sh	4/-8/mx	3/-4/cl	1/-8/sf	-1/-1/pc
Haliburton	5/-3/sh	9/2/pc	7/-2/sh	4/-8/mx	3/-4/cl	2/-8/sf	-1/-1/pc
Huntsville	4/-3/sh	9/1/pc	7/-2/sh	4/-8/mx	3/-4/cl	1/-8/sf	-1/-1/pc
Kingston	7/1/sh	11/3/pc	8/0/sh	6/-3/mx	4/-2/cl	3/-7/sf	1/-9/pc
Lindsay	6/-2/sh	11/2/pc	8/-1/sh	6/-6/mx	3/-3/cl	3/-7/sf	-1/-9/pc
Minden	5/-3/sh	9/2/pc	7/-2/sh	4/-8/mx	3/-4/cl	2/-8/sf	-1/-1/pc
Oshawa	7/0/sh	12/3/pc	8/1/sh	6/-2/mx	5/-2/cl	3/-6/sf	2/-8/pc
Ottawa	8/-1/pc	9/1/pc	9/0/cl	6/-5/sh	4/-3/mx	3/-7/sf	-1/-12/cl
Toronto	7/1/sh	12/4/pc	9/2/sh	7/-2/mx	6/-2/cl	3/-6/sf	2/-7/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	1/-5/su	3/-4/su	5/-4/cl	3/-7/sn	4/-6/sn	1/-9/sf	-1/-1/sn
Edmonton	1/-6/su	3/-5/sf	1/-8/sn	1/-11/sf	2/-9/sf	-2/-12/sf	-4/-13/sf
Fredericton	6/-2/pc	4/-3/cl	8/-2/sn	7/-2/ra	8/-1/mx	2/-7/sn	-2/-11/sn
Halifax	6/-3/pc	7/-1/pc	6/0/cl	6/0/ra	6/3/mx	4/-1/cl	3/-2/mx
Montreal	9/0/pc	8/0/pc	9/0/cl	7/-4/sh	7/-1/mx	3/-5/sf	0/-12/sf
Regina	-2/-10/sn	3/-5/cl	2/-9/sn	3/-7/sn	0/-10/sf	0/-10/sf	0/-11/sn
St. John's	3/-1/mx	6/1/pc	1/1/mx	0/0/cl	4/0/ra	3/-1/cl	1/-3/sn
Saskatoon	-3/-11/pc	0/-7/sf	1/-7/sn	-2/-4/sn	0/-8/sf	-1/-11/sf	-2/-12/sf
Vancouver	8/3/sh	9/4/sh	10/4/sh	9/4/mx	9/3/mx	9/3/sh	9/2/sh
Whitehorse	0/-8/sf	-2/-9/cl	-4/-11/sf	-7/-14/sf	-4/-12/sn	-10/-16/sf	-12/-20/sf
Winnipeg	-3/-13/sf	-1/-9/cl	1/-8/sf	4/-8/sn	3/-6/sn	-1/-12/cl	-4/-15/cl

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 3/23	0°C	-12°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 3/22	0°C	-6°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 3/21	3°C	-12°C	0.0 mm
Friday 3/20	2°C	-10°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 3/19	1°C	-4°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 3/18	11°C	3°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 3/17	12°C	-6°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	7:06 a.m./7:35 p.m.	6:43 a.m./8:01 p.m.
Fri.	7:04 a.m./7:36 p.m.	7:05 a.m./9:14 p.m.
Sat.	7:02 a.m./7:37 p.m.	7:29 a.m./10:31 p.m.
Sun.	7:00 a.m./7:38 p.m.	8:00 a.m./11:48 p.m.
Mon.	6:58 a.m./7:40 p.m.	8:38 a.m./none
Tues.	6:56 a.m./7:41 p.m.	9:28 a.m./1:02 a.m.
Wed.	6:54 a.m./7:42 p.m.	10:29 a.m./2:08 a.m.

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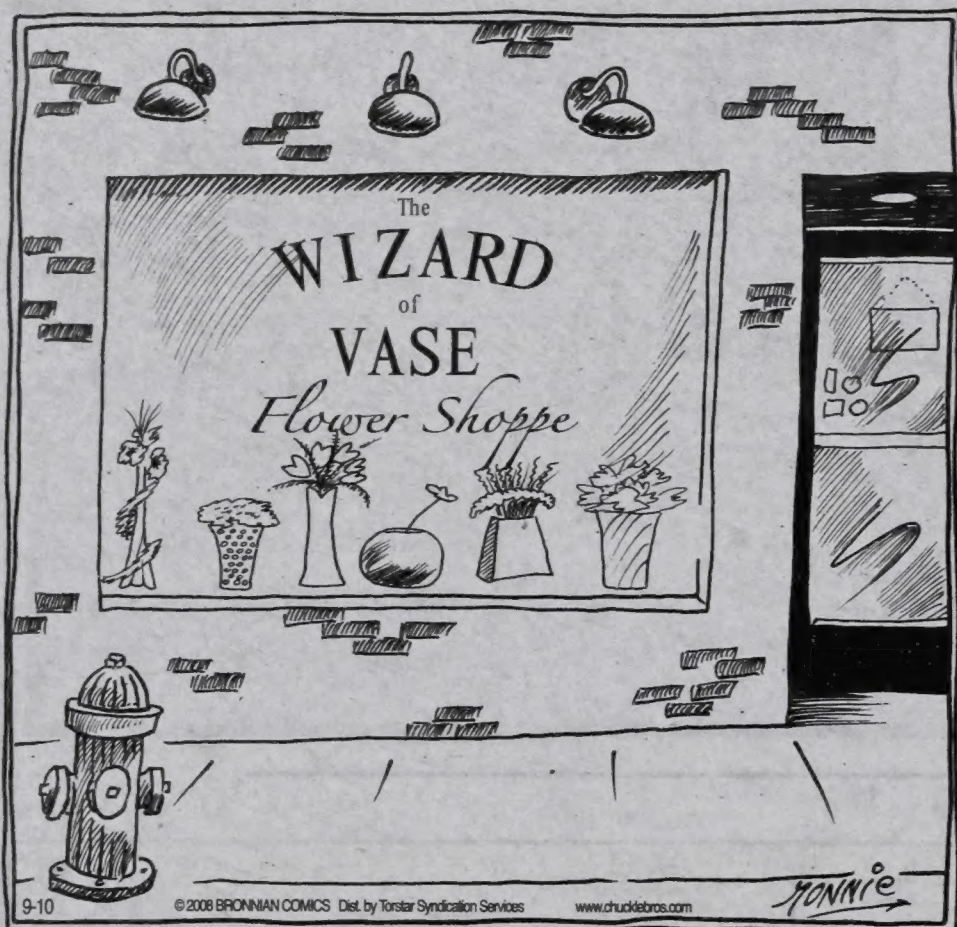
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

In response to last weeks letter, "Tree Topping and Moving"

We certainly do appreciate Karl & Jennifer Muellers' feelings on this new Runway. Quiet people, with two young children, beautiful home and maintained property. What else could anyone living in this area ask for?

Well, what we are getting is tree cutting, ground work, and possibly overhead noise, and maybe losing people like this in our own neighborhood, because of someone's pushing their authority. This is B.S for this Runway that the majority of tax payers don't want. I say lets have a vote on this. Surely this would not cost tax payers 3.5 million, or do we really matter now? It is obvious that our Reeve and Council do not live or have family or friends close to this proposed Runway. We have been tax payers for 33 years on the Barry Line at the east end of Cameron Lake. Our son and his wife and our two grandchildren own property on the lake and as well, have built a new home, and reside and work here, as do three of my employee's.

The Barry Line comes from my wife's family (Barry) whose family members still live on the Barry Line five generations later. Not only did our municipality take the Middleton's 100 acre property, but they have also purchased 50+ acres across the road from my home. This property was also owned by family at one time and had a small pit (non-licensed at the time). It's rumoured that this property will be used for housing for airport personal (who knows)? At least there is no, "No trespassing" sign posted on this stretch of road, thank God, because I'm sure something would happen to them, and we can not be waiting tax payer's money on signs, can we?

And yes, Jennifer, this quiet back road for raising your family "is gone". The township has allowed one contractor to haul materials out of this pit to help offset the cost of purchase of land. Now believe me, he works from daylight to dark, also from a new private pit behind me. Why did we add on a screened in porch, I don't know, but we are getting good at lip reading, and now this 'New runway'.

My wife's mother has lived on the Barry Line for 78 years, her property abutt's what used to be the Middletons (west side) to the newly purchased 50+ acres (on the east side, which abuts to the Concession Line between Dysart and Stanhope). Now why would our township have any need for this piece of property? They would then own from Airport Road to Barry Line, down Barry Line east to the Boundary Line. All I can say is good luck on that one, and I would be more than happy to discuss this with our Council/reeve and CAO. The only person that is going to benefit from this is the contractor who is doing the tree cutting and ground work, and its shareholders (I wonder who).

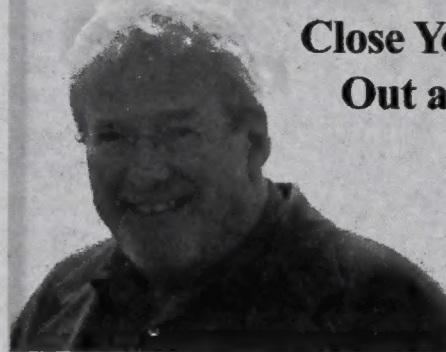
Also, maybe that lonely pilot I hear on my scanner every once in a while will have a flying buddy. You guys keep up the fight on the tree topping and don't make things easy for Reeve Harrison & CAO Mitchell. And to Andy Muirhead, Paul MacInnis, & the Maple, Beech, and Cameron Association - keep up the good work. If Carol Moffat would run for reeve next election I am sure it would be unanimous. And Karl lets not forget this year to by our Migratory Bird permits.

Levern and Marion Miscio
1508 Barry Line ■

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Close Your Eyes, Put Your Hand Out and You'll Feel So Much Better

The Ontario Government brings down its formal budget today at Queen's Park. Following the tradition-breaking precedent set by the Federal Conservatives in January (of letting the public know most of the

budget details before it was presented in Parliament) Premier Dalton McGuinty and staff have already let Ontarians know that the government plans to spend approximately \$27 billion dollars over the next two years on health, transportation, education and municipal projects. This represents an increase of over 50 percent of current planned infrastructure spending. The proportion to be allocated directly to the municipalities is expected to be about \$850 million, with the largest allocation of nine billion going to transportation.

And all this in addition to the billions the federal government has promised in more spending, all in the name of stimulating the economy and lessening the effects of the current economic downturn. Interestingly, our municipal councils and county council have all tried mightily to keep spending down, most of them using the anticipated increased property assessments to help balance their budgets. Municipal councillors are the closest elected officials to the individual taxpayers, cleaning up the potholes, managing waste, shovelling the snow, and so on. The fear of recession has clearly been the driving force behind the county-wide push for frugality - in direct contrast to Queen's Park and Ottawa, who of course have the ability to take on vast deficits. Most economists believe that by the time this recession is over we'll have more national and provincial debt than at any time in our history, although it will perhaps not be as great in relation to the GDP as in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

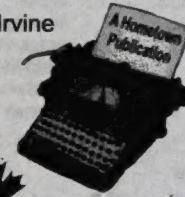
But the pain of paying off these vast sums will surely happen - and sometimes it seems as if as a society we've entirely forgotten just how difficult those years were. These economic times have turned our politicians' ideological compasses into windmills - permanently whirling around like lost souls in purgatory, doomed to an eternity of uncertainty. It was so simple back in the 1990s: the running dogs of capitalism wanted to slay the deficit dragons by eviscerating government and freeing the market; the yapping hyenas of socialism wanted to slay the same dragons by expanding government and stimulating the economy through state intervention.

Well, guess who's winning that argument in this economic go round. Which brings us to the upcoming provincial Conservative leadership campaign which is just beginning to get off the ground after this riding unceremoniously ended the political career of former leader John Tory just three weeks ago. The front runner, although still undeclared, is Tim Hudak, a young, bright, and ambitious former Cabinet Minister in the late 1990s under Mike Harris. Hudak was a strong Harrisite, but has managed cleverly to avoid being seen as a hard-charging right of centre ideologue, in the manner of Jim Flaherty and John Baird. He has also strong connections to Haliburton MP Barry Devolin (Hudak's Executive Assistant in the late 1990s) and influential local Conservative Andrew Hodgson. He's also the Conservative's Finance critic, which will serve him well in what's almost certain to be his campaign for the leadership.

And if Premier McGuinty's - and the public's - new found support for the seductive embrace of deficit financing continues until the fall of 2011, Mr. Hudak, if he does become Conservative leader, will have the perfect opportunity to define exactly what relevance Mike Harris' Common Sense Revolution has in the second decade of the 21st century.

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Some Corrections Re: Airport and Trees

Just so we know that all sides are discussing the same version of reality, I would like to offer the following points just to see if we can agree:

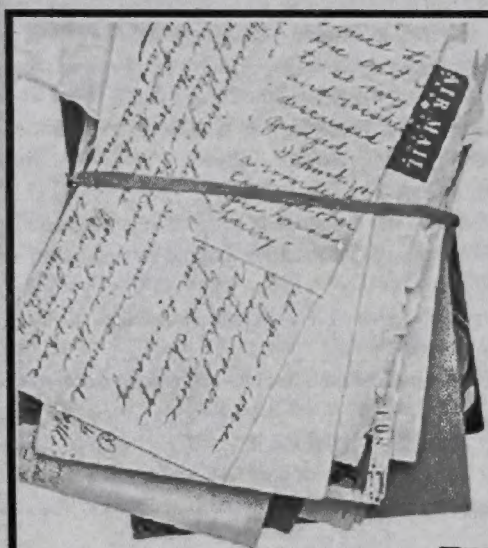
- 1) Trees are large plants which continue to get taller throughout their life-spans.
- 2) Airports are large-scale projects which are designed for long term usage under restrictions which are not adaptable to the whims of tree growth.

From the above we may easily see that if the trees do not stop the airport, then the airport will have precedence over the growth of the trees forever. Keeping in mind, I would like to go over some of the "information" which Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison believes. Her Honour believes (apparently) that only two private properties may be affected by tree cutting for the proposed new runway. Firstly, after a few years and several hundred thousand dollars spent, the Reeve and the CAO of Algonquin Highlands should know where and what the impacts of their plans are likely to be and they should have been discussing long ago, rather than dictating after the fact, how they should be approached.

In August of last year, the Reeve and CAO made their first and only approach to a private land owner, Mr. Claridge, about potential impacts to trees on his property. A drawing based on recent surveys and interpretation of regulations given to Mr. Claridge at that time clearly shows the existence of specific trees on four properties at that end of the new runway which require topping or removal. Three of these properties, including that of Mr. Kucyk, are in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Given the unfortunate habit that trees have of continuous growth, all four of these properties must be subject to continued access, on a permanent basis, by Algonquin Highlands for the purpose of verifying and controlling the height of all trees in the affected area. Similarly, at the end of the new runway, though there are no specific trees on private properties currently slated for topping or removal (and a re-assessment of this area should be performed which may change that), properties within a clearly and legally defined area will need to be subjects of the same continuous and permanent access for monitoring and height control.

A reasonable estimate of the number of properties to the north and west of the airport which fall into this category is about ten. Among these are the homes of the Muellers and at least three of their nearest neighbours whose properties would be the first to see eventual topping/cutting. The Muellers' home sits in a re-planted forest of rapid-growing trees which are currently only a couple of meters shy of being "in the way". The Muellers' home is only 12 or so meters below the minimum flight level in the final approach to the airport. If the Reeve and CAO do not already know these things, they should be asking themselves why not. They ought to be asking what they have been spending our money on, and why they should continue to do so. They should also wonder why the press and concerned citizens are "...ahead of us on this..." as was stated after a recent council meeting. As Mr. Mitchell said, "...we need to have regard for that (Environmental assessment) process" which he should know includes all cumulative impacts. The process requires that assessments be performed and provisions made for all eventualities. One does not just go ahead without knowing what the problem might be and hope to have it all come out at the end. One doesn't get the answers if the questions are not asked, and one doesn't know the price without looking at all the bills.

Andy Muirhead
Little Cameron Lake, former township of Stanhope ■



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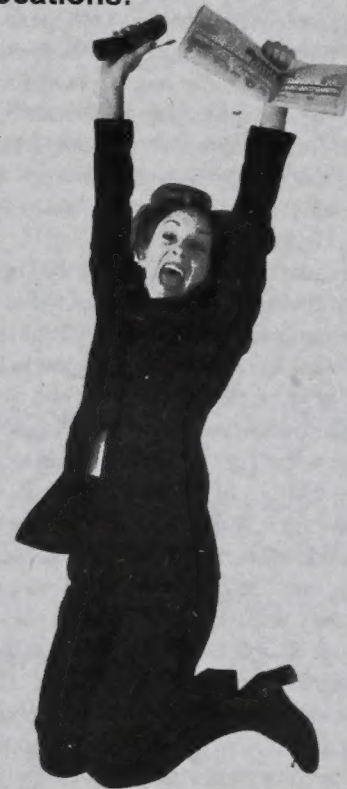
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Wilberforce Legion Celebrates Renovations

MPP Rick Johnson Enjoys First Official Duty before Official Swearing In

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

On Sunday, March 22nd members of the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624 were joined by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP elect Rick Johnson and a roomful of Legion members for a ribbon cutting celebration which proudly showcased their newly renovated hall. With the assistance of a \$15,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and a year of hard work by members and volunteers, the Legion is now much more energy efficient.

Johnson, who was due to be sworn in the following morning, said, "This is my first official duty since being elected and I'm proud to say it will always go down in my memory as my first presentation."

"Legions play a vital role in small communities across Ontario and serve to connect our past with our present. The ongoing and future volunteerism of the Wilberforce Legion and its membership, which has been supported in part by this OTF grant, underscores the values of dedication, public service and sacrifice that are important community lessons." Johnson went on to say that making the Legion 'greener' was a great example of those efforts and how happy he was to see the facility being used a lot more.

The Trillium Foundation provided the Legion with funding in March of 2008 to replace the interior walls of the hall and insulate the exterior walls. According to Richard Young, Legion 1st Vice President and MC during the event, the Hall is one of the few in East Highlands that is accessible for people with disabilities and provides vital recreation and social activities for hundreds of people on a monthly basis.

Young said, "The upgrades will help to increase energy efficiency while ensuring that the Legion remains a comfortable community gathering place for Wilberforce. By reducing its heating and cooling costs, the Legion will be able to use the savings to increase upkeep and maintenance activities."

Young said, "Since its completion we have noticed a definite increase in use by the community. Our members have remarked on how nice it looks, which will attract a lot more functions to the facility."

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton also offered his thanks to the Trillium Foundation for the funding, not only from the Legion, but from all of Highlands East as well. He said, "The money and renovations go a long way toward bringing more visitors to the Legion."

Burton also offered his thanks to Richard Young for all of the work he put into the application for funding and the project overall. Burton commented on the fact that a number of Legions are experiencing financial difficulties, even those with considerably more members. He said, "It isn't the number of members but what the members do to help out that really counts and we certainly see that here."

Legion President Bruce Rennie voiced his pride in the Legion and the changes that have taken place. He also offered his thanks to Richard Young for all of his hard work and spoke of the accomplish-

ments of the all of those who had helped with the project including the contractor on the project and suppliers.

Rennie said, "It especially makes me feel good to look at the ceiling. Even with the grant, we didn't have enough to complete the ceiling, but when we called on our members to help, they raised over \$900. We were able to purchase the tiles at cost which, with the help of our members, allowed the project to be completed."

Rennie, Johnson, Burton and Young all took part in the ribbon cutting and a roomful of members and volunteers enjoyed some refreshments.

The next day Johnson was at Queen's Park for his official swearing in as this riding's Member of Provincial Parliament. A few days earlier Johnson stopped by at the Voice's office to chat about the whirlwind ride he's been on since his surprise by-election victory just three short weeks ago. "I can't believe how generous the reaction to the results has been, all through the riding. It was a real confirmation of how important local issues and local candidates are to all of us. I went to Queen's Park last week for my first caucus meeting, and I was treated like a long-lost hero, wild cheering, standing O, the whole bit. But then, Premier McGuinty made sure

everyone realized that my victory shouldn't be interpreted as a seal of approval for our government, that it was a local affair, and that we were going to have to work very hard as a party to continue to deserve the public's support across the province."

On Monday Johnson was not only sworn in, he also got to ask his first question, albeit a softy to Jim Bradley, the Minister of Transportation, asking for a clarification on the process regarding expansion of Highway 35. The Minister replied, "The Ministry of Transportation staff has worked hard to listen to the residents' concerns when it comes to the improvements to Highway 35. Our plan includes four-laning, 10 new interchanges, interchange improvements at Highway 35/115, realignment of Highway 7A to connect with Highway 35, and a service road network that facilitates continuous movement."

At his swearing in Johnson was accompanied by his wife, Terri Crawford, and their children Trich,

20, and Michael, 18. Constituents can reach the new MPP at his Lindsay constituency office at 14 Lindsay Street North in Lindsay between 9 and 4 Monday to Friday; phone numbers are 705 324-6654, or 1 800 424-2490. He can also be reached at Queen's Park at 416 325-6553, and by email at rjohnson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org. ■



Clerk Deborah Deller with Haliburton's new MPP and family.



Legion President Bruce Rennie, MPP Rick Johnson, Legion 1st VP Richard Young and Reeve Dave Burton take part in the official ribbon cutting at the newly renovated Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 62

Delegation Bashes County's Director of Roads

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ing. He said, "You have to plow first." He then recommended that the County hire a sanding truck, a method that he felt was used successfully in the past.

Committee Chair (Algonquin Highlands Reeve) Eleanor Harrison advised Warburton that she had been away during the February meeting when this matter was discussed, but acknowledged that time and money would be spent on County Road 21. She also said, "Doug can't be on all of the roads all of the time and has to rely on his drivers."

It was Warburton's position that the Allsaw hill had been designed improperly and that even when the County had budgeted the money to cut the slope down they didn't do the work. He said, "The highway was actually raised 22 inches in front of my house. For every accident that is recorded there are at least 10 that drive away."

He said, "I tried for six years to get Doug Ray to clear the ditches in front of my house and it wasn't done until last year when he finally took 150 tonnes of fill out of the ditch." He went on to say, "There will be someone killed on that hill. There are a lot of speeders, but even at 20 miles per hour the hill is dangerous."

Warburton listed a number of roads related issues that hadn't been handled properly in his estimation. He voiced concern about the Allsaw Bridge saying, "I have a letter that says the engineers have studied the bridge. Engineers have been known to study bridges that collapsed six months later. They can't be trusted!"

He went on to say, "That bridge sways back & forth. It is in a bad spot and it moves too much. It's going to go down." Warburton then invited the Committee members out for the May 24th weekend to see how the bridge performs.

Having made no comment for some time, Ray quietly responded that there were expansion joints in the bridge and that it was designed to move. He also acknowledged that the County had applied for funding and the bridge would be replaced by November.

Warburton, however, would not let up and maintained that in the meantime there would be a disaster on the hill. He then went right out on a limb and said, "If you want to commit suicide, just come to Haliburton."

Warburton then proceeded to make disparaging comments about other members of the County staff, and even when Harrison asked him not to, he continued. Again, Harrison said it was unfair of Warburton to make comments about staff members who were not there to defend themselves.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey confirmed that funds had been included in the budget to do

remedial work in the area and Ray also advised that his department would be looking at water problems that had been encountered on the road.

Harrison said, "We're doing our best to resolve these matters and you must remember that there are always two sides to every story." When Warburton continued to voice additional complaints she said, "We have heard your concerns and will continue to resolve them this year."

The County has received Build Canada funding for reconstruction of CR-21 from Soyers Lake Road to the Allsaw Bridge and the funding includes rehabilitation of the bridge itself. Ray estimates that the road work will start as early in the spring as possible with completion sometime late in July. Engineering and the tender process for the bridge work is scheduled to be done by early August with completion slated for early to mid November.

During the meeting the Committee also reviewed a list of shovel ready projects recommended by the Roads Department to be completed in 2009 should infrastructure funding become available. For the next draw Ray proposed a road and bridge project on Highway 648 through Wilberforce, including replacement or rehabilitation of the Dark Lake Bridge structure. He later suggested that road work could extend as far as Highland Grove.

Ray advised the Committee that the list of projects was based on a review of the department's needs study.

Work on approximately 14 kilometres of County Road 21 topped the list with a choice of two types of overlay ranging in price from \$650,000 to \$1.2 million dollars. According to Ray the project could be shortened to suit whatever funding is available and that geotechnical work would determine the best overlay method.

Work at Eagle Lake on County Roads 6 and 14 including storm sewer, curb work and paving has been designed in house and is basically ready to go and a number of culvert replacements were recommended, which will require some engineering review prior to the work proceeding. Ray recommended going ahead with a tender for the culvert engineering immediately, in order to be prepared should funding become available.

Some concern was voiced by the Committee about providing the County's share of costs for projects not presently in the budget. CAO Jim Wilson recommended utilizing reserves or taking advantage of low rates presently available for short term borrowing.

Fearrey said, "We'll never get a better chance to catch up." This was a sentiment that the Committee agreed with.

A number of projects and additions were discussed as well as the work required to make them 'shovel ready'. Ray said that he had tried to pick projects that were doable and suggested that combining sections of road with bridge work seemed to be more readily approved. Council agreed that the list of priorities for federal funding should be submitted to MP Barry Devolin. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Why are you whining about the cost to run the medical centre?

This letter is in response to the March 19, 2009 editorial letter from Roberta Walsh, owner of the Bostonian Motel on Dark Lake in Wilberforce. While we are not full time residents as of yet, I have been a seasonal resident for 26 years and my wife has spent every summer in the area for 43 years vacationing with her family.

In years past we looked forward to slow drives around Dark Lake Road and Pine Drive. We were somewhat perturbed at the Council of the day when we found out that they had sold off the waterfront lots along Dark Lake Road and then subsequently erected barriers at both ends of the road restricting vehicle access to it. We were even more angered over being ordered off the trail by someone from the Bostonian Motel four summers ago (try explaining to your three and four year old grandchildren that they haven't done anything wrong as you are being yelled at by an extremely agitated woman ordering you off "her" beach property). We both decided that from then on we would restrict our walks with the grandchildren to the park and along Pine Drive.

Even though the road was supposed to be closed to vehicular traffic it was a common site to see ATV's and snowmobiles coming from the Bostonian Motel and Park Cottages properties and driving down the closed road (kind of do as I say not as I do). When I mentioned this last spring to Reeve Dave Burton he said that it was the first that he had ever "heard tell" of it.

When all the discussion about reopening Dark Lake Road came to light last summer we found out that the water frontage had indeed not been sold to the adjoining property owners. Apparently the Council of the day had seen fit to just allow these people to treat the property as their own (including regularly ordering both seasonal and full time residents to "get off my beach").

Burton's initial opposition and subsequent stonewalling of the reopening of Dark Lake Road (even after a democratic decision to reopen it was made by the Highlands East Council) demonstrates a lack of professionalism.

Mrs. Walsh is either too selfish or too naïve to realize that the road should never have been closed in the first place. Anytime a government (often with good intentions) restricts public land access to a select few there is bound to be problems. Such is the case here. It becomes quite evident by her comments regarding the estimated \$12,000 to \$25,000 to rehabilitate the road being better used on upgrades to the medical centre that she has no clue about the underlying issues here. Since the road has been closed Mrs. Walsh (and all the others along that stretch of road) has had a free ride at the taxpayer's expense.

If Mrs. Walsh is so concerned about the medical centre and lack of funding for it maybe we can offer a suggestion. Why don't all the property owners along that stretch of road buy the road and shoreline from the Municipality at fair market value? That would be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$125,000 per lot (times 6 lots equals \$750,000) for some of the best waterfront property in the Municipality. The Municipality would then have enough money from the sale of the properties to build a new medical centre.

She and the others could then start paying their fair share of waterfront property taxes (instead of mooching off the rest of the taxpayers as they have since the road was closed in the first place). According to my sources at MPAC her business property taxes would increase by a minimum of \$1800 to \$2,200 per year which in turn would help to maintain the new medical centre.

William Roberts - Stevensville and Wilberforce ■

Dear Editor:

Re: Surplus in Highlands East "Some of the surplus is to pay down debt: however there is no mention as to the total municipal debt..."

The media reported a \$250,000 surplus in Highlands East. However some of the surplus was due to projects that weren't completed and therefore the budgeted money was not spent. If however these projects had been completed one would assume this would have reduced the surplus quoted. There was no mention as to what these uncompleted projects were and monies initially allocated for same.

With reference to the O.P.P. credit of \$81,541 increased enforcement criteria, more police recruiting and hiring, I doubt if such credits continue or available in the future. Some of the surplus is to pay down debt: however there is no mention as to the total municipal debt and what it encompasses. With reference to health and dental coverage for councillors, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al do not provide such. Minden Hills has limited health and dental coverage for councillors. City of Kawartha Lakes councillors can enrol in their benefit package however they must pay their own premium. These individuals are elected officials not hired full time employees of the municipality. Councillors receive other benefits while in office.

There are several capital expenditures quoted however there is no mention as to estimated costs for such and if these items were budgeted for in previous years budget negotiations. As far as the 8.18 percent tax decrease it depends on the revised assessment and levy this year. It doesn't mean what you pay in tax dollars will decrease by said percentage. Of course any decreases in taxes is a welcoming sight however I will hold my applause until the final tax notice is received. Dysart et al also has an approximate decrease however due to the bleak economic picture we are all aware of, they are throwing caution to the wind.

Even though the Provincial and Federal governments are offering all types of incentives these will end once the economy becomes more stable. We will all be paying for these perks down the road. I hope the municipality's reserves are plentiful. With reference to the \$5,000 "one-shot deal" to the Kimmount medical centre, I realize they have many patients and a long waiting list. However the medical centre in Wilberforce serves an abundance of people as well. I also realize maintenance costs for the building is a contentious issue for council: however we are paying for this building through our tax dollars and benefit from the service. With such a doctor shortage we should be thankful doctors are willing to leave their practices to come to the Wilberforce medical centre to help those who are elderly, handicapped, children with diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer patients, just to name a few. Remember we are all getting older!! With all the infrastructure monies being offered via upper levels of government, I am sure there would be funding to upgrade medical centres especially when our health care is a major concern. It is imperative to have open lines of communication, co-operation and interaction between all parties in order to attain a viable solution surrounding this sensitive issue. One never knows what other incentives could be acquired with a pro-active approach.

Beverly MacDuff - Göderham ■

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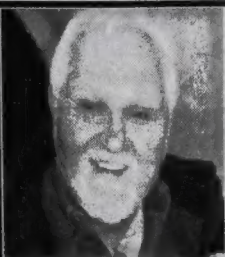
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Forum on Health Care Provides Interesting Insights for Haliburton County

Trent University Student Investigates Social Aspects of Health

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Can living in a financially depressed area have a lasting effect on your well-being?

That's one of the questions being asked in a study looking into the social aspects of health care in Haliburton County.

Similar studies into large and small centers all across North America have been undertaken over the last decade, and the results have been illuminating.

Most illuminating perhaps, the simple and unavoidable fact that rich people live longer.

Why? Well, affluent people, even in the milieu of universal health care, have better access to transportation, literature, healthy food and peace of mind, all aspects that impose a huge impact upon both mental and physical well being.

More and more, indigenous health units are concerning themselves with studies into their communities, with a view to ascertaining how health care services may better service the broad-based needs of the local populous. Well-being, both physical and mental, is directly linked to environment.

One of the uncompromising tenets of the Canadian Health Care system is its supposed universality. To every Canadian and for every Canadian a guarantee of care, not based upon education, ethnicity, class, or access to funds. Unfortunately universality is compromised in areas where unemployment, poverty and lack of proper transportation abound. The care is free, but can we get there?

Enter Morgan Yates, and the U-Links program at Trent University.

Morgan Yates is a Third year Nursing student at Trent University and she presided over a community forum on health at the U-Links Celebration of Research 2009 symposium held last Saturday afternoon at Fleming College in Haliburton.

Her project – part of her requirements for the degree program – is titled, "Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton County."

Yates told her audience at the beginning of her 30-minute presentation that her report was still about a month away from completion. She added that the study's parameters included interviews with health care providers, social partners, community care professionals, but purposely did not include input from health care clients.

Her mandate, and the object of the study, was to pinpoint certain factors in the region that might impact the well-being of the community as a whole. She interviewed over 20 area professionals for their input into the major impediments to effective health care delivery in Haliburton.

The information was gleaned from a range of participants and the conclusions and observations encompass a wide-range of social, financial and geographical considerations and focus especially on health care, community care options and social program

delivery in and around Haliburton County.

She said that input was received from a cross-section of health care professionals, social organizers, mental health professionals, hospital staff, and the Haliburton family health team to name but a few of the active participants.

Yates said that early indications cite income, social status and education and literacy as the three main social determinants of health in Haliburton County.

"We look at a number of factors and we ask 'How does the economic climate impact a community,'" explained Yates. She said that studies increasingly show that factors like disappearing jobs, mill closures and the lack of a viable economy can have huge effects on the well-being of a community.

Dearth of jobs or - as in Haliburton - the continuing cycle of low-paying seasonal employment can lead to a profusion of depression and lack of job satisfaction. People living at or below the poverty line do not have adequate access to healthy food, and transportation to health facilities. Poverty also puts limits on the scope of extra-curricular activity, or vacation time, factors that contribute to an upturn in mental outlook. All these things may seem airy-fairy to the casual observer, but many health care professionals agree that mental health and acuity form a foundation of good health.

Yates said that the report has cited income as the number one determinant of health here in Haliburton County. She added that her report cites poverty, the lack of affordable housing and high rates of low income jobs as major stumbling blocks.

She added that the social environment was next on the hit list described by health care and community care professionals. "Lack of transportation, isolation and the fact that most of the cheap housing is out of town is seen as a problem," said Yates.

Education and literacy was seen as another detriment in Haliburton County. She said that low pay cycles and the dearth of available scholarly options to upgrade skills was seen as a large

constriction on a populous who are deprived of an opportunity to move onto a more financially rewarding and higher paying area of employment. Education is the backbone of advancement in the workplace.

She said that many of the respondents suggested that Haliburton County should be concentrating on supplying residents with varied and higher paid jobs. There was a suggestion of a call center, but most suggestions centered on an upgrade in educational opportunities, which might give seasonal workers access to skilled trade training and even a suggestion that programs could be initiated that revolve around work with our burgeoning seniors population.

She said that lack of access to health care facilities centered on transportation and explained that many respondents advocated an upgrade in bus service to health care and social activity centers.

Yates added that the report also had suggestions around the relaxing of rules at local food banks that might bring health food options to a wider cross-section of low-income residents.

Yates said that for now she is embroiled in the onerous task of compiling all of the results and formulating conclusions.

She added that "Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton County" should be available within the next four to six weeks.

Yates said she hopes that her report will provoke some thought and possibly spur some related studies in the area. Indeed, she explained that a similar study hinged upon input from health care and social service clients as well as the general populous might provide a lively and interesting counterpoint to the existing study.

If only to perceive how the findings of the indigenous population jive with the conclusions formulated by the health care and social service professionals.

What a nice little dovetail. Now, if we can only find some funding. ■

Haliburton Man Found Dead at Residence

Michael Gunning, 35, a long time resident of Haliburton County, and the son of Wendy and the late John Gunning of Haliburton, was found dead at a residence in West Guilford early last Sunday morning, March 22nd.

The OPP have announced that no details of his death will be released until an autopsy is performed sometime this week. Funeral arrangements will be announced following the completion of the autopsy. ■



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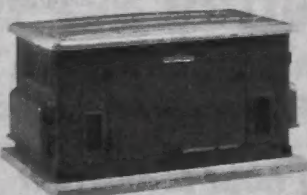
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Two Local Women Form New Charity

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

"Fuel for Warmth" Aims to Assist Those Going through a Transition Period

A couple of caring, local individuals have come together to help families in a rather unconventional way.

Their names are Lindsay MacLean and Joanne Barnes, and along with the help of Pastor Bob Bacle of the Minden Bible Church, they have successfully gotten their charitable organization, known as "Fuel for Warmth", off the ground.

"We've now finally got everything together," said Barnes, a resident of Camarvon and manager of the Minden food bank. "This charity's purpose is to help people during a transition period."

Through Fuel for Warmth, the goal is to provide wood or propane to families in the county who are struggling for a brief period of time in the winter months. Donations collected over the course of time would go towards covering the cost of their heating expenses. So far, two donations have already been made.

"If a person is short on funds and low on heat, we would assist them," said Barnes.

For example, if someone has to wait a few weeks until they receive unemployment insurance or Ontario Works, they would qualify. Seniors who expect a pension but face a delay for one reason or another could also be assisted by the charity. A person facing some other kind of financial hardship may also be eligible.

"There could be a number of reasons for a change to their financial situation," said Barnes, while MacLean added, "We're hoping to supply them with up to two weeks' worth of propane or wood to help get them through that rough spot."

It shouldn't come as a surprise that MacLean and Barnes are working together to launch this initiative. The two friends have been working together at the Minden food bank for a number of years (MacLean is Barnes' office assistant). In recent years they had heard of a few disconcerting stories of local residents who have gone without heat for an extended period of time.

"By knowing that there are some people who have gone without heat, we saw a potential for a service that's obviously needed," said MacLean. "I approached Joanne and said, 'lets do this!'"

They then went to Pastor Bacle to see if the church could help them along on their mission.

"We needed to get a charitable number in order to give out tax receipts," explained Barnes. "That is part of what the church is doing for us."

Bacle said he thought the idea was a brilliant one from the first time he heard about it.

"I thought it was a great idea," he said. "Joanne and Lindsay told me about scenarios in which local families were sitting by a little camp stove to get warm. That's not good." MacLean added,

"We also knew about a person who had no hydro for a year. They were scared to go to sleep at night because their house was only five degrees. They were afraid that they might freeze to death."

Last Christmas, Barnes took it upon herself to help a family that was going through a hard time.

"My husband and I gave them two truckloads of firewood at Christmas because we knew they were without heat," she said. MacLean followed suit and gave someone she knew a cord of wood.

Those who find themselves at risk of having their heat supply cut-off in the winter can apply to be included in the program fairly easily and quickly.

First an applicant will fill out a questionnaire and provide their vital information (i.e.: name, phone number, address). If the applicant is waiting to receive Ontario Works, they must provide dates of appointments they have planned with their caseworker.

A copy of their last fuel bill has to be submitted and proof of a safety inspection on their fuel system also needs to be included.

If anything in a person's application is found to be false they will be permanently disqualified from accessing the program.

"There are some people out there who try to play the system," mentioned Barnes, "and we're just trying to avoid that."

Both renters and homeowners may be able to acquire temporary assistance for the heating of their residence.

Fuel for Warmth is now accepting donations, which can be made out to the Minden Bible Church with a designation on cheques to Fuel for Warmth. Funds will be collected over the next several months and will be held in trust until the time comes to aid those in need next winter.

Depending on the amount of donations received, assistance may have to be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We'll only be able to help those who we have enough funds for," said Barnes, who added that seniors and mothers of young children would likely be flagged as high priority candidates on the list.

"This community is very, very generous," said MacLean. "I hope that we'll do well."

Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt courtesy of the Minden Bible Church.

To make a donation or to apply for future assistance contact Joanne by phone at 705 455-3227 or Lindsay at 705 286-3561.

The two would like to extend their thanks to Pastor Bacle and church directors; George Burley, Jack Worthington, Elizabeth Carrell, and Ruth and Bob MacBrien for their support of this endeavour. ■



Joanne Barnes and Lindsay MacLean, founders of Fuel for Warmth, teamed up with Pastor Bob Bacle of the Minden United and other church members to form one of Haliburton County's newest charities.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On April 1, 1924, Nazi Party leader Adolf Hitler is sentenced to five years in prison for treason for leading the Nazis' unsuccessful "Beer Hall Putsch." Sent to Landsberg jail, he spent his time dictating his autobiography, "Mein Kampf," and was released after nine months.

On April 2, 1987, the United States government allows individual states to increase the speed limit on rural roads from 55 mph to 65 mph. Since 1973, when President Richard Nixon set a federal maximum speed limit of 55 mph, no cars were allowed to exceed this speed.

On April 3, 1776, because it lacked sufficient funds to build a strong navy, the Continental Congress gives privateers permission to attack any and all British ships, except for those vessels bringing arms and ammunition or people who intended to settle in the Colonies.

On April 4, 1969, the most popular show on TV, "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," is canceled by CBS because the brothers failed to submit an episode to network executives before its broadcast. Among other controversial content in the show, the network executives objected to antiwar guests, including Pete Seeger, who sang a Vietnam protest song on the air.

On April 5, 1951, at the end of a highly publicized espionage case, death sentences are imposed against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg after they were found guilty of conspiring to transmit atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. The only incriminating evidence came from a confessed spy who was given a reduced sentence to testify against them.

On April 30, 1947, Preston Tucker announces his concept for a new automobile to be named the "Tucker." His plans called for a rear-mounted engine as powerful as an aircraft motor, a stationary "cyclops" headlight and a steering wheel placed in the center of the car.

On April 31, 1930, the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America formally adopt the Production Code, which imposed strict guidelines on the portrayal of illegal drug trafficking, profanity, the portrayal of clergy members as comic characters or villains, and the portrayal of interracial relationships.

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Lindsey Snelgrove

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Moose FM & Canoe FM for extensive coverage of this event.

Thank you to our Chamber Office Volunteer **Debbie Everett**, your time and efforts for the past 3 months has been very much appreciated!

And a special thank you to our **Civic Leaders**- Warden Dave Burton, Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Reeve James McMahon, Reeve Murray Fearrey and Bob Smith for your help as well.

On behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce we thank everyone in the community for your support!
We are always looking for ways to improve and your feedback would be appreciated.
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Last But Not Least Highlands East Finalizes 2009 Budget

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Highlands East may be the last of the municipalities in the County to officially adopt its 2009 budget, but it will have been worth the wait for residents. After the second and final budget meeting on March 12th, the Municipality is reporting a \$250,000 surplus for the end of 2008 fiscal year.

The surplus is a result of tight management controls, a policing credit, supplementary taxes from development growth throughout the year, greater than anticipated fire revenue and several small projects not being completed.

The bottom line is good news for tax payers in the municipality. Even though the hefty increase in assessments across the board means that some residents may pay a bit more, the Highlands East Council has ensured the impact will be reduced as much as possible and many residents will see a reduction in their taxes after Council accepted CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig's recommendation to decrease the rates by 8.18 percent.

Stoughton-Craig advised Council that the average increase in assessment for the year was 11 percent. With the 8.18 percent decrease in tax rates, residents will only be faced with an increase overall of just under 3 percent. She said she would be concerned about reducing the rates further and then find that a large increase would be necessary next year.

Describing the 2009 budget, Stoughton-Craig said, "This is a bare bones budget that will maintain essential services." She added that it will allow completion of several projects that were not finished during 2008 which will be offset by the surplus.

Highlights of the budget include three new half-ton trucks, a generator installed at the Highland Grove Community Hall, repairs to the Glamorgan Community Centre, lights installed at the Cardiff outdoor rink and work completed on Cardiff walkways. The arena will undergo repairs and a new furnace will be installed in the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. A new snow plow/sander will also be purchased and slurry seal placed on 12.9 kilometres of roads. A new parks mower will also be purchased and repairs made to the Gooderham public boat launch.

The budget also includes an expenditure of \$2,567 total, to provide health and dental benefits for all Council members. Finally, council decided to act on one of the recommendations that resulted from a First Impressions visit. (First Impressions is an Ontario Government program that helps communities learn about their strengths and weaknesses as seen through the eyes of a first-time visitor.) Considerable beautification work will be done in all the main geographic township sites including hanging flower baskets and banners.

Several special considerations were included in this year's budget. Council recently received a request for support to purchase furniture for the Kinmount Medical Centre. Council members recognized that many of their residents use the facility and agreed on a one time allocation of \$5,000 in response to the request.

Earlier in the week Council also considered a request for funding from the Highlands East Cultural Association to run their summer market at the Tory Hill Parkette, and support their plan to hold a plein air art show during the long weekend in August. Council agreed with Stoughton-Craig's recommendation to support this initiative in efforts to place a little more emphasis on the eastern portion of the County.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "I think it's wonderful that they are willing to take this on." Council agreed with her comments that the art show would benefit the local economy considerably. They decided to provide a \$3,000 start-up allocation to the cultural association.

One last request for funding, from the Highlands Animal Relief Team (HART) for its spay and neuter program, was considered. Stoughton-Craig advised Council that a contribution was made through their levy to the Faraday Dog Pound but also said, "If we can't donate \$500 we might as well close up shop." And Council agreed, particularly considering the problems the municipality has had with feral cats.

Council held a brief discussion about the need to repair the historic Red Cross Hospital building in Wilberforce. They agreed to submit an application through Parks Canada for funding that is available to make period restorations or provide ongoing maintenance to historical sites. If they are successful with the application, the Municipality will be responsible for 50 percent of the costs.

Partridge summed the results of their review up when she said, "This is a simple but very good budget. We're covering all we want to do; we're doing some good community things without too much increase."

The budget, while accepted by Council, will not be passed officially until Council's first meeting in April. ■

Five Youths Charged

(Haliburton, ON.)— Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have laid charges after an investigation into several break and enters in the Fort Irwin area.

On March 19 2009 officers received a report of a break and enter on Dunn Rd in the Fort Irwin area. As a result of that investigation officers discovered that three other Fort Irwin area properties had also been broken into. Several of the residences were damaged by the suspects.

A S.O.C.O. (Scenes of Crime Officer) also attended the scene and assisted in the investigation.

As a result of the investigation five Haliburton County young persons ranging in age from 12 to 15 years have been charged with numerous offences including Break and Enter, Mischief and Theft. The five youth will be appearing in Minden Youth Court on May 6, 2009 in relation to the charges. ■

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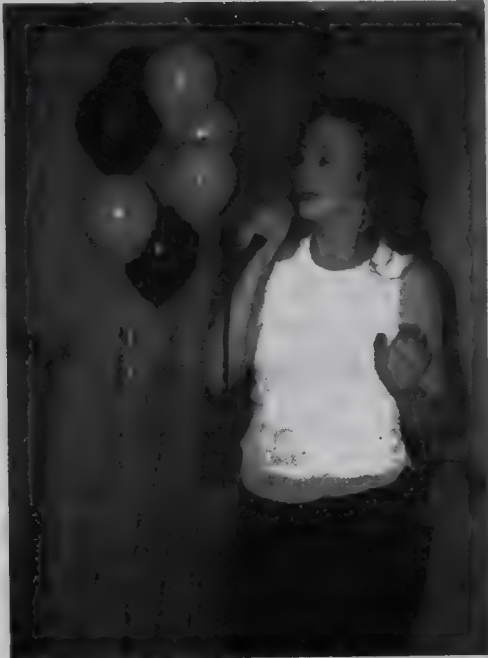
The Stan Russell Duo played some soft background music during the VIP wine and cheese reception.



Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey grabs a hors d'oeuvre from server Lacey Johnson.



Jay McIvor poured plenty of red and white wine throughout the evening.



Haliburton County Idol Kelsey Crowe sang a cappella style in the Highlands Grand Ballroom.



Nick Lawrence, President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, plays around with the name tags that hung around the neck of Brad Duckworth, Chair of the gala committee and chamber executive member.

An Evening to Honour Outstanding Achievements Hard Work Pays Off for Local Business Owners and Individuals at Awards Gala

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

A who's who of Haliburton County business owners and other movers and shakers in the community came together for one very special night at the Delta Pinestone Resort this past Saturday.

On this fun-filled evening, a number of businesses and individuals who have achieved significant success and have made a difference in the local community were honoured during the third annual Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Awards.

Last month, nominations were accepted by the chamber for the many categories that were included in the gala. During that time period, anyone in the public had the opportunity to put forth a nomination for a business or individual that they felt was worthy of recognition.

After the nomination deadline passed (the first week of March), a selection committee, made up of representatives of businesses and organizations in the community, decided on the winners of this year's awards by examining how well nominees met the criteria as outlined by the chamber.

This year, a new award category titled "Customer Service of the Year", was created to recognize a customer service-centered business that has been in operation in the county for three years or more.

Saturday's festivities kicked off with a wine and cheese reception, which featured entertainment provided by Stan Russell Duo. A buffet dinner was then served in the Highlands Grand Ballroom while emcee Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM provided some colour commentary and introduced the night's presenters. Haliburton Idol Kelsey Crowe also sang a few tunes to entertain the large audience.

Notable local politicians who attended the gala included Dave Burton, Warden of Haliburton County; Eleanor Harrison, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands; Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al and Jim McMahon, Reeve of Minden Hills. The awards were made by local artist Tom Green of Glass Eagle Studios.

Below is a list of all the award winners along with a brief description of who they are and why they won, according to the selection committee.

The Highlander of the Year Award – Jack Brezina

Jack Brezina is the past publisher/owner of The Minden Times, a member of The Conjurers Troop, co-chair of the Minden Sesquicentennial Committee (Minden's 150th anniversary), President of The Highlands Summer Festival, member and supporter of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, a Canoe FM volunteer and a member of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners organizing committee.

Jack will not miss an opportunity to go above and beyond, including posing for the Arts Exposed calendar!

Small Business of the Year – Winterdance Dogsled Tours

Winterdance is an advocate for Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership (OTMP). They assisted in creating a Haliburton County winter experience package with the OTMP, one of the driving forces behind Haliburton's first Frost Festival winter carnival. Winterdance was also featured in various media promoting the county's winter tourism.

New Business of the Year Award – The County Voice

The County Voice was established just one year ago as an alternative to the existing weekly newspapers. It is the only paper that covers the entire county. It was distributed free-of-charge for the first year but has now reverted to a more traditional model of subscriptions and newsstand sales.

Large Business of the Year Award – Dollo's IGA

The chamber is very proud to announce that this year's recipient has been an active chamber member with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce for over 40 years.

Dollo's IGA, a family owned and operated business, has been in the community for over 50 years. Dollo's is one of the largest employers in Minden, with great staff retention and loyalty. The business has also supported Minden events, service clubs and local fund raising efforts.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award – Shannon Cole

It was only two years ago that Shannon Cole, who is only in her early 20's, undertook the new prospect of running her own business at the existing Village Donuts in Haliburton. With a bit of background in the hospitality industry and a whole lot of enthusiasm and drive for success, she has done an outstanding job.

Customer Service of the Year Award – Wind in the Willows Day Spa

Sylvia Holland's reputation for customer service and reliability is what Wind in the Willows Day Spa is built on. Since being in operation for over 17 years, her businesses' reputation of customer service far exceeds normal standards.

Not-for-Profit of the Year Award – Minden Kin Club

This truly impressive group recently won the "Hal Rogers National Service Award" in 2008 at the Kin-Canada National Convention. The organization is well-known for the winter ice racing series that brings paramount commerce to the local economy.

Warden's Award – Canoe FM

"I have selected a community group that has played a significant role in providing local information for Haliburton County. This organization has achieved a very high level of community involvement from teenagers to seniors. Since the early days of its founders, it has evolved, grown and adapted to the needs of Haliburton County and its residents. The close to fifty volunteers, the members of the boards and the staff have, in the past, and continue today, to work diligently in the service of permanent and seasonal residents as well as visitors to Haliburton County. This organization was founded in 2003 by three local individuals with a dream..." – Dave Burton, Warden of Haliburton County ■

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Jack Brezina



Warden's Award
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Shedding Light On Species at Risk

Hours of Fieldwork and Numerous Reported Sightings Vital to Creation of Journal

It's a new book that is pretty much hot off the press. It took nearly a year to materialize and was produced from information gathered by a few dedicated experts and dozens of residents who documented and reported what they saw in the county.

On Wednesday, March 18, in a crowded Haliburton Highlands Museum, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) unveiled their Species at Risk Journal. The journal is full of colourful photos that highlight 13 different species at risk (SAR) in Haliburton County. Descriptions of each species, including their diets, appearances, habitat preferences and the threats they face accompany the photographs.

"It's really exciting and fabulous to see so many people here who are concerned about the environment and species at risk," said Sheila Ziman, Chair of the HHLT, in her opening remarks at the launch.

The impressive journal that was written by Paul Heaven, wildlife biologist from Glenside Ecological Services, has already made its mark in the county. As a result of everyone's efforts, documented SAR sightings in the county went from 75 to 182. That makes for a hefty 142 per cent increase in reported sightings.

Leora Berman, Manager of the Land Between and Ed Poropat also contributed to the fieldwork that was conducted.

The research for the large-scale project was funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Species at Risk



Biologist Paul Heaven with HHLT Chair Sheila Ziman

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Fund. The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and The Land Between also supported the work.

During the book launch, Heaven said that it was three years ago when he first discovered a need to create categories for "properties of importance" when researching species at risk. By creating a mapping system on a computer, he broke the county up into sections based on geographic information.

"We figured out what information we had and what we didn't have, and then proceeded to fill in the gaps," explained Heaven. "The map helped us to identify potentially suitable habitats where species at risk might be." With the information from the map, it helped to pinpoint possible locations of where the species might be located.

Heaven was then able to examine 31 private properties in the county for SAR after being granted permission by land-owners to do so.

But that wasn't enough. A call for help was also put out to the public.

"We asked people to give us a good description of what they saw, where it was located and take a picture if possible," said Heaven, who plans going out in the field once again this summer in search of SAR.

The purpose of all this research is to increase the amount of information that is available on biodiversity in the county. The new knowledge and information will be added to the HHLT's database and will be used to support conservation planning in the area.

The data will also be submitted to the Ontario MNR/Natural Heritage Information Centre to support conservation planning at the provincial level.

All proceeds from the \$20 journals will go to support the HHLT, a non-profit, non-governmental registered charity, with their mission to "protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations."

There are several ways you can purchase a copy of the Species at Risk Journal. Online order forms can be printed and filled out at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Or, you can pick up a copy at one of the following locations: in Haliburton at The Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre and Henwood's Variety & Sweet Shoppe; in Minden at the R.D. Lawrence Place and Golden Stationers; in Wilberforce at Agnew's General Store and in Cardiff at the Cardiff Country Store. ■



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Jack Cox, a curling legend and good friend of the roaring game

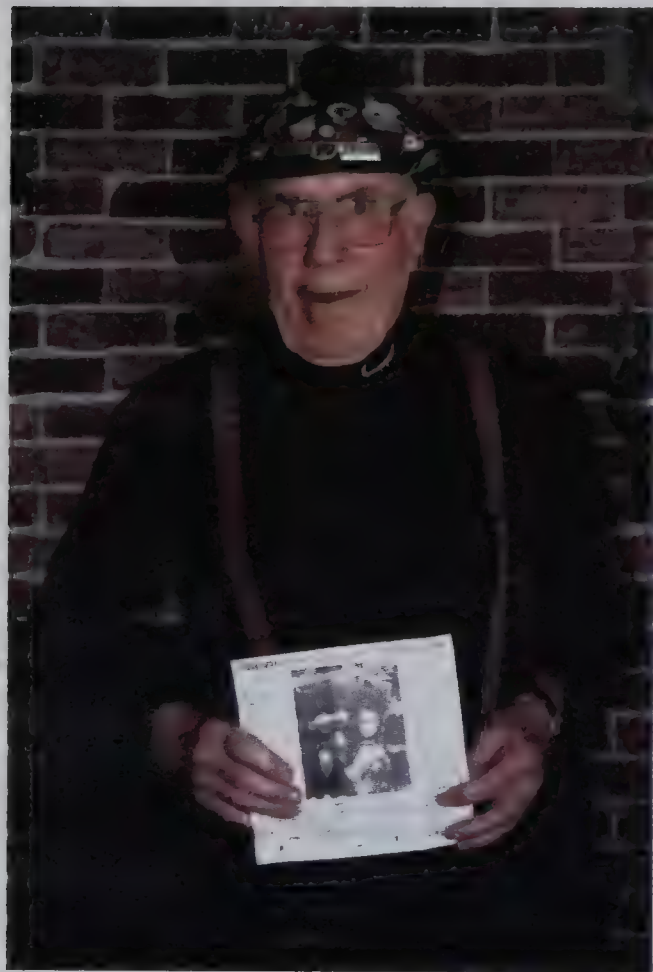
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"Hey, that guy looks ... really familiar."

He should. In Haliburton at least.

Curling fans in Haliburton know the Ontario Flag Guy because he just happens to curl with them. Three times a week during the regular curling season at the Haliburton Curling Club, the Ontario Flag Guy is there, skipping in the mixed Tuesdays, and the Monday morning league, and playing lead in the men's league on Thursday nights. "I get the chance to sweep again," says the Ontario Flag Guy, of his recent rebound back to front end duty on Thursday nights.

Yes, the Ontario Flag Guy is Jack Cox, and he resides in Haliburton with his loving wife of many years Willie, who accompanies Jack on all of their many and far-flung curling adventures, which have also included some National Junior events and several World Curling Championships.



And for those of you who saw the Ontario Flag Guy running wild, rampant and free, taking those steps two at a time at this year's Brier held at Calgary's Pengrowth Saddledome, you may, if you are of a certain age, be very pleased to find out that Jack Cox turned 78 this week.

And if you've ever been to an NHL arena, you'll know that the steps between the seating are challenging enough when taken one at a time.

So how, and indeed why, would a 78 year old guy want to double up on those steps, with a full head of steam, shouting "Ontarioooo" while holding a free-flowing Ontario flag attached to an aluminum telescopic golf ball retriever?

When I got the chance to sit down with Jack this week at his home, he explained the why.

"It's maybe the only sport where a father and son can get together on a team and represent their province at a Canadian Championship," says Jack. He's referring of course to New

Brunswick skip Russ Howard, who curled with his son Steven at this year's Brier in Calgary.

That explains why he goes to the Brier. But not how he ended up as the Ontario Flag Guy.

That's another story entirely. As it happens, his first Brier flag run happened at the 93 Brier held in Ottawa. And he ran his first twin-stepped polka, not with the Ontario flag, but with a banner from, gasp, the province of New Brunswick. He was asked to carry a New Brunswick flag by a lady he met on a bus. He did it, made a huge impact on the crowd, and the next day he was presented with an Ontario flag. The Ontario Flag Guy was born. He's been waving ever since. He's been to 14 Briers in total. He flat out loves the game.

That covers the why, but not the how. How does a 78-year-old guy manage those gapped steps two at a time holding that telescoping golf retriever topped with that huge Ontario flag?

Well, if you have to ask, you don't, as they say, know Jack.

Jack is a master athlete, a guy who stays in shape, who has taken part in a number of cycle tours for charities, and who has also been on a mission to Guatemala, offering aid through construction of affordable housing. His newest project? Replacing the weeping tiles in his yard. A project that he is completing by hand, with shovel.

So this is a man undaunted by the mere physics of the Saddledome two step. And physics or aerodynamics is crucial.

"The flag doesn't trail properly unless you take those steps two at a time," says Jack. He says he's tried it one at a time and the flag just droops, held low by the lack of wind over the leading edge.

So how does he prepare for this rather daunting 10 day, 16 draw extravaganza?

"I skip a little rope each day, but I don't bring the rope to the Brier," laughs Jack.

And what's a little rope? "I do 500 skips every morning," he says. That's every day of the year. Sit around for an hour with Jack Cox and you become increasingly aware of your own mortality ... and heart rate.

Jack says that the flag waving aside, he loves the Brier because he gets an opportunity to renew some old friendships.

This year, the Ontario team, including skip Glenn Howard, Richard Hart, Brent Laing, and Craig Savill invited him to their autograph table at the press conference held before the Brier. They told him to stand in for a picture with the boys, and then Glenn leaned in and said, "You might want to pull up a seat Jack, and sign a few autographs."

In a Calgary Herald article Russ Howard said he was pretty darn ecstatic to see that Jack was back for another Brier.

"I've known him forever," the elder Howard admitted. "I don't know how old he is, but I know he's a lot older than I am and it's pretty impressive what he does and I think it helps Ontario, I really do. That's really cool, it's part of the Brier, neat to have someone that enthusiastic."

Jack says that he thinks he adds a bit to the fun. And that is after all what curling is all about. The fun.

"I'm careful not to get in anyone's way and I try to run in between ends, when the teams are changing sides," says Jack.



His fondest memory dates back to an early Brier, before he became the Ontario Flag Guy, back in Edmonton in 1987. The Howard team including skip Russ, with brother Glen Howard at third, won that Brier and then went on to Switzerland where they won the worlds.

Jack takes his hat with the pins off and points to a pin. It's the world championship pin from Switzerland won by that 1987 Ontario team. It re-

mains one of his treasured possessions. "Russ presented me with it when we met the next year," says Jack.

There have been many poignant memories like that. "I've made a lot of friends over the years," says Jack. He has a sweater embroidered with the legacy of all those Briers and some of the World Championships. He would have gone to the World Championships in Moncton next week if things had turned out different for the Ontario team this year. They lost in the semis.

And besides, he's got some curling yet to do at the Haliburton Curling Club as the season winds down.

And after that. Well, there's that wheelbarrow, a pile of dirt and a weeping tile project that is going to keep him busy for the better part of the spring and summer. He'll do that in between stints of gardening and his involvement in the Haliburton cycling club.

And of course there are the de rigueur visits to the grandkids, who are growing and graduating from high schools in Edmonton and Victoria.

Nice to have family in Victoria and Edmonton winks Jack.

Comes in handy when there's a Brier in town. Jack's a pretty good houseguest.

He's away all day and comes home to sleep in between draws.

And he leaves that skipping rope at home. ■



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Kashaga Productions Cuts a Cheque Portion of Concert Proceeds Go to Cottage Dreams



Seana O'Neill, President of Cottage Dreams, accepts a cheque for \$500 from Kathy Bell, President of Kashaga Productions.

This past Valentine's Day, a rockin' good concert that featured the talents of Canadian blues artist Jack de Keyzer and slide guitarist Rick Fines, sold-out at the Delta Pinestone Resort. It was one of many 'Blues at the Delta' concerts that Kashaga Productions has hosted, but it was the first event in the series to have a portion of its proceeds set aside for a local charitable organization.

This past Monday, Kathy Bell, President of Kashaga Productions, presented Cottage Dreams President Seana O'Neill with a \$500 cheque. The Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative is a registered charity that provides cancer survivors with a private, donated cottage for a week in order to kick back, relax and recover while spending time with friends and family.

The next concert that Kashaga Productions is set to host will take place on Sunday, May 17 at the Delta Pinestone Resort and will feature the legendary Downchild Blues Band. A portion of proceeds raised through this event will once again go to Cottage Dreams.

A Brush with the Highlands Highlands East Cultural Association to Host an Outdoor Art Show

"We're like the little engine that could!" (Pat Currie)

This year the Highlands East Cultural Association (HECA) will be continuing to revitalize the Tory Hill area by expanding the market held every Sunday during July and August. The group has a number of exciting ideas in the works, not the least of which will be a plein air during the long weekend in August with as many as 1000 landscape painters coming into the area.

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Three of the association's executive members, Pat Currie, Tracey Green and Darlene Buckingham, approached the Highlands East Council on March 10th to ask for their support. While laying out their plans for the year, Currie said, "We're like the little engine that could! Our vendors were overwhelmed last year, the parking lot was full and we had a great first season."

Currie said that HECA was seeking support from Council to run the market in the Tory Hill parkette again, and in fact to assume that they would have permission to use the parkette every summer season without re-approaching Council. She said, "We need to have some assurances if we are to continue to survive and make our plans for the summer a success."

Currie said that the association members have been planting flowers at their own expense in the parkette, and asked permission to create more gardens and to put up a sign that would remain in place throughout the summer. Currie said that HECA has plans to bring more locally grown produce into the market, and is also organizing a pet parade and asked Council to consider supporting them with a trophy or prizes.

Currie described a plan to create an 'art by the inch' event to be held on the opening day of the market. This will involve setting up a large canvas and supplying free art supplies for people to draw on or paint that would result in a mural that could be mounted and framed and then displayed in the Lloyd Watson Community Centre for the enjoyment of residents. Currie said that it would provide 'a taste of the Highlands' and would be a project that would involve everyone in the area.

Currie then described the association's plans to establish a day trippers' adventure guide. She said they have a map in the works which would assist them in establishing a guide to lesser known roads in Highlands East and surrounding area. According to Currie the guide will provide advertising space and they are already getting a good response from businesses. "We want to highlight the studios, B&B's and places of interest in the area as well events that are taking place."

The group asked Council to consider supporting the project with some seed money, but Currie said that at the least they needed a letter of support to assist with fund raising activities.

Currie then addressed what she called the association's really big news. They are planning a project called "A Brush with the Highlands" which is to take place during the long weekend in August. According to Currie they expect to bring in as many as a thousand painters into the area, a plan that will hopefully create investment in the community.

Currie said, "We'll provide a map to visitors of the sites where painters will be located (High Falls, the Bluffs, Bark Lake, Irondale River and other scenic locations). The artists can choose their spot and visitors can go and watch them paint. During the weekend we'll have an art show and sale. It will be a huge and we hope it will become well known and an annual event."

According to Currie the Eastern Ontario Artists Association is throwing their support behind the event and will be providing judging. She also said that HECA is preparing hand written invitations to a number of famous artists.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig had several suggestions to make. She offered to include information about the event on the municipality's website. Stoughton-Craig also said that the municipality has plans in the works for beautification projects, banners and flower baskets and said they could provide some assistance in that regard at the parkette.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge commented that she hoped to see some of the more eastern sites in Highlands East included in the day trippers guide and Currie suggested identifying locations for the artists to set up and paint in the area.

Stoughton-Craig asked Currie about anticipated costs, and Currie detailed estimated costs for the guide, insurance for the market and basic advertising. She also said that it was their plan to host a barbecue for the artists to ensure they were shown the friendly welcoming side of the Highlands. According to Currie HECA will also have to pay for judging and they estimate that they could need as much as \$4,000 for the season.

Council's support for the overall project was initially evidenced by a resolution supporting the market as well as the plein air and art show. During their budget deliberations later in the week, they also agreed to include a one time grant of \$3,000 to assist HECA in getting the art initiative off the ground. ■

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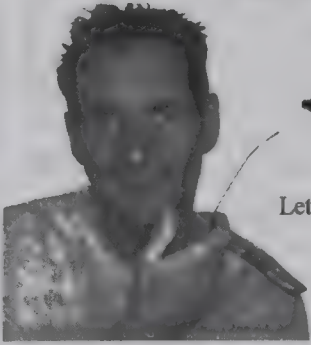
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Alex Ovechkin's Hot Celebration Leaves Pundits Fuming The Burning Stick Routine Looked Good from Here



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Let's get one thing straight.
Alex Ovechkin isn't trying to
rekindle the Cold War.
He hasn't invaded Czecho-
slovakia.

He hasn't moved any stra-
tegic missiles into Cuba.

And he has not, as far as I am aware, popped poison from an
umbrella tip into any rogue secret agents.

So far he has no ties extant to the Russian mob.

He's a young Russian hockey player.

He obviously loves playing the game.

He brings exuberance, excitement and a certain joie de vivre
to this game.

Maybe we should just leave the kid alone.

Maybe the pundits, like Michael Farber (Sports Illustrated,
TSN's The Reporters) and Toronto Star's Damien Cox, and yes,
maybe even Don Cherry should just cut him some slack.

The three guys above, who all get paid a King's ransom for
popping off like popinjays at all things hockey, have taken ful-
some swings at young Alex the Great for his on-ice celebra-
tions.

Last Sunday on TSN's The Reporters both Farber and Cox
slavered loopily on about Ovechkin's inappropriate celebration
after scoring his 50th goal of the season.

For those of you who haven't had a chance to see it during
the 2,134 replays on TSN, it involves young Alex dropping his
stick as if it's too hot handle, and then warming his hands over
the presumed flickering flames on the titanium shaft.

Fifty goals. Anyone else from Estevan, Saskatchewan or even
Cole Harbor, Nova Scotia scored fifty yet?

Give the kid his celebration. Let him rant, jump, and burn that
stick up. Smoke to the rafters.

Beautiful. Remember folks, this stick burning was an allegory,
a metaphor if you will. People pay great money on Broadway to
watch these little passion plays roll out across the stage.

Cox, for his part, just shrugged, in that way that young
Damien has, going on about the lack of professionalism and
yadda, yadda, yadda ... forgive me I can't remember the rest,
because frankly Damien Cox is just plain boring when he gets
on these "good for the game of hockey" screeds.

Farber, a Rutgers Phi Beta Kappa graduate and an erudite
writer who has risen to hockey guru status at SI, said last Sun-
day on TSN that he found Ovechkin's celebration trivial and
banal. "It was staged and I thought it was stupid," said Farber.
Yeah, take your Phi Beta Kappa and go Kappa Beta bye-bye
Mr. Farber.

Take your whine and cheese, go out to Central Park and have
a picnic. Invite Cherry and Sydney Crosby and have a group
groan and moan session where you pop, prattle and poop end-
lessly on about the lack of decorum in the NHL today.

We are raising hockey robots here in Canada. Most of the guys

in the NHL today sound like Harvard MBA grads on a mission.

Think about this. In 1972, during the Summit Series, the Rus-
sians were pegged as robots, incapable of celebration. The Cana-
dians won, it was said back then, because we brought heart and
soul to the game.

There is a case to be made that the tables have swung full 180
since that Summit Series. Young Russians are showing the heart
and young studs like Sydney and other Canucks are fast becom-
ing the grumps.

And the pundits like Farber and Cox last Sunday on TSN are
even grumpier.

Luckily, for us, those two guys are just plain boring. They're
not dangerous, they're just well, ho-hum, banal, and frumpy.

The Mad Hatter, Don Cherry, is another story all together. Don
Cherry is probably borderline dangerous.

But because he comes to his audience pipped up like a latter
day dime store mannequin, dressed in material gleaned from the
drapery section at Woolworth's, we have tended to cut poor Don
some slack over the years.

But people get grumpier as they age. Don is no exception.
He's morphed from joke, to funny, to sad and now to just plain
precarious.

And please don't tell me about those good deeds and the causes
he supports.

The Teflon Don, Mafia Boss John Gotti (deceased from natural
causes in prison, by golly) was loved by the residents of his old
neighborhood, was a generous contributor to hospitals that help
abused children, and to Hale House, which cared for infants ex-
posed to illegal drugs.

That didn't change the fact that John Gotti was John Gotti. Head
of Murder Incorporated, and someone you probably shouldn't
follow into an alley at 2 am on a Saturday morning.

When Crosby Stills and Nash penned, "Teach your Children
Well" they were not singing about John Gotti.

And for gosh sakes I'm not comparing our Rose-bedecked,
dapper-dappled Teflon Don with the guy from Murder Incorpo-
rated. I'm just sayin' that, good deeds notwithstanding, it's time
maybe for the CBC to pull the plug on the antics, the rhetoric
and the borderline balkanism that Mr. Cherry is bringing to the
airwaves at a chock a block and frankly scary rate.

Cherry, in an on-camera rant a few weeks ago (sounding some-
what Stalinesque, while we're on the topic of Russian misde-
meanors) even posted a verbal warning - a little pas de deux,
sprinkled liberally with that oh so dainty jingoist rhetoric - that
Alex the Great better watch his back lest some dull-meloned Ca-
nadian farm boy, not quite enamored of his boyish celebrations,
greet him in the crease during one of those goal celebrations and
"cut him in half."

Please let this nifty piece of Canadian-exuberance sink in, for
just a moment.

And forget the good deeds and the loving portraits painted
of our boys in Afghanistan. And the beautiful little moments
shared with our up-and-coming boys of winter. And his lovely
dog Blue.

Forget all that, and remember what Don Cherry said, with
muffled glee on our tax-funded network.

Don Cherry said someone's "gonna" cut him in half."

And left unsaid, but certainly implied, was the concomitant fact
that Alex Ovechkin would deserve it.

In the same piece Mr. Cherry teed up a clip of some black soc-
cer players celebrating after scoring a goal.

He stared into the camera and warned aspiring young players
that this was un-Canadian and not the way we civilized lads from

*"The Washington Capitals' Alex
Ovechkin celebrated his 50th goal by
putting his stick on the ice and then
mimed warming his hands over it. Some
observers called it hot-dogging; when
Alex was a toddler in the Soviet Union
it was called central heating." — Come-
dian Torben Rolfesen, on the Web site of
Vancouver's The Province.*

the great White North do it.

Implied here, well, it's actually too distasteful for me to imply.
I'm wondering why the clip was of black players celebrating and
not some English star or some Italian player sliding along the
grass.

What's implied in the clip is less important than what's implic-
itly inferred by the clip. Inferred by me and some others, who
have stated categorically that it made them very uncomfortable.

Let's just say that Crosby Stills and Nash didn't have Don
Cherry in mind either, when they penned that seminal song on
mentoring.

Let me put Mr. Cherry on notice here.

There is no place on any network anywhere and especially not
on the CBC for that type of rhetoric.

We're too busy right now, but perhaps there will be a time,
when this economic tsunami subsides, for an MP to take this to
Parliament.

Mr. Devolin, can a brother get an amen?■

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by Linda Thistle

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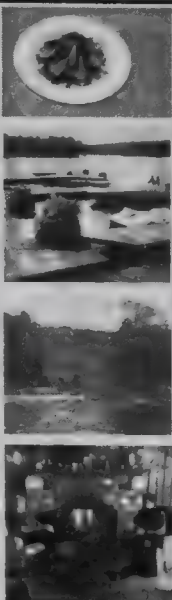


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Brampton Battalion Have Petes On the Ropes Up 3-0 In Series, Duchene and Hodgson will be in Peterborough Tonight

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

The Brampton Battalion are hugely relieved that they haven't drawn the Barrie Colts in the first round of the Ontario Hockey league Playoffs this year.

Over the past two seasons the Troop met Barrie and found Waterloo. Not the city, the Napoleonic metaphor.

In both 2008 and 2007 Brampton was eliminated in the first round by the Colts.

The Battalion are facing a kinder, gentler team in this year's first round.

We bring you the Peterborough Petes. Who have kindly acquiesced to stay on page and with the seeding form thus far into the first round of the Ontario Hockey League Jr. A playoffs.

The Battalion are up 3-0 in their best of seven tilt against the Peterborough Petes after a 4-2 win on Tuesday. They won 5-2 on Friday night and squeaked out a minor miracle 5-4 overtime win in Brampton on Sunday afternoon.

The miracle extant was never the score. It was instead the odd configuration of statistics involved in the game.

Brampton outshot the Petes by a margin of 64-13. The fact that the Petes were able to drag that one into overtime ranks on a par with the odd and esoteric shenanigans of Benjamin Button.

Goaltender Thomas McCollum simply said, "I don't know if I've ever had a game like that before." He said that shots were coming from the oddest of angles, from midair and even from the skates of his teammates. He had recovered enough from non-shell shock on Monday to sum it all up.

"But it happens sometimes, and it's good that we pulled it out at the end," said McCollum, on the Troop website.

The Troop's Highlands connection, Matthew Duchene and Cody Hodgson, have been aiding an abetting this foray into formerly uncharted territory by keeping their torrid scoring touches extant.

Hodgson, a Haliburton cottager, and borderline rock star here in the Highlands, had his usual stellar output in both games. On Sunday Hodgson scored three goals and added an assist on the overtime winner scored by Anthony Peluso. On Friday he nailed down four assists.

Duchene has been no less positive with his timely Peterborough pops.

Duchene, a Haliburton native who is biding his time in anticipation of a very high selection in the spring NHL draft, scored two goals on Friday and added two very key assists in that close encounter of the weird kind on Sunday.

The Russian Warhead Evgeny Grachev also had a profound effect on the first two games, nailing down a goal and two assists on Sunday and adding a pair in Friday's win.

The nice part of this whole series will pop to the surface on Tuesday and Thursday this week when the Battalion take their act on the road to Peterborough.

As seen in an earlier game held in Peterborough during the regular season, Hodgson and Duchene have a capacity to draw on a huge fan base from Haliburton.

The road trip to Peterborough is far less onerous than a similar junket to Brampton, and a number of local fans are sure to be in attendance this week as the series shifts to Peterborough.

Many locals will be taking that drive down Buckhorn Road for an opportunity to catch a glimpse of their local heroes.

Brampton coach and GM Stan Butler is still recovering from that overtime game, and he was pretty certain about a few things. That the next time the Battalion outshoot a team by a 64-13 margin, they probably don't want that game heading into overtime.

"What we need to do is go there and get a win, and that will put them in a tough spot," said Butler on battalion.com. "Obviously, at this time of the season we have to focus on one game at a time. We did what we had to do and won the first two games at home. The second game was a little closer than we would have wanted."

Butler said that stuff happens when you fail to remove the scraps from the table.

"You give a team a chance to hang around and sometimes things happen that you don't want," said Battalion coach Stan Butler. "It was disappointing to go to overtime, but all that matters in the playoffs is winning. You have to give Missiaen (Pete's goalie and miracle worker) credit. He gave them a chance to win. And I'll give our guys credit for persevering."

The team captain Hodgson was just happy that they emerged from the fray relatively unscathed.

"We weren't fazed by going to overtime. We have a lot of character guys here and we never got down when they scored. They got a couple of lucky goals, and we knew if we kept getting shots and chances we'd get some goals. We weren't pushing the panic button."

And then he went out and did what a captain does. He took care of business in the OT.

No one was happier than Peluso, who has Hodgson to thank for the game winner. Hodgson fed Peluso in full stride.

"I saw their defenceman go to Cody, and it became like a breakaway for me," said Peluso. "I faked a shot, he went down and I had the whole top of the net to shoot at."

Both Hodgson and Duchene have said that they love playing in Peterborough. For obvious reasons.

They get to see a lot of familiar faces and they also hear the cheers, even from the bleacher seats.

Tonight, the Troop may have a chance to end it all at the Memorial in Peterborough, as a result of Tuesdays 4-2 victory. Duchene had a goal and an assist while Hodgson added twin helpers.

Game time is 7 pm.

If you're planning on going, you won't be alone.

There will be a long caravan of cars heading down Buckhorn Road toward Peterborough tonight.

Drive safe and bring some noise. ■

Toni Carr Memorial Interclub Competition

On Saturday, March 7 the Haliburton Figure Skating Club (HFSC) participated in the Toni Carr Memorial Interclub Competition hosted by the Peterborough skating club. All eight clubs participated (Bancroft, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Lakefield, Haliburton, Minden and Peterborough). The HFSC had the fewest number of skaters but still managed to tally up enough points to take third place. The following are some of the results from the competition.

Skating Skills: - Casey Pringle/Shyanna Smith- 2nd; Jessica Duchene/Sandy Griffith - 5th

Can Skate Solo's: - Nicole Cox- 4th; Claire Karaguesian- 3rd; Sonya Flatman- 2nd; Arden Harrop- 3rd; Natalie Griffin- 6th; Alex Yake - 8th; Ian Griffin - 1st

Team Relay - Sonya Flatman, Shyanna Smith, Casey Pringle, Jessica Duchene - 2nd

Introductory Solo's: - Jessica Karaguesian- 4th; Jessica Mooney- 5th; Jen Woolcott - 7th

Similar Pairs: Introductory: - Ainsley/Bethany Little - 6th; Alex Yake/Haley Palmer-Arike- 11th;



Beginner: Sandy Griffith/Jessica Duchene - 1st; Jen Woolcott/Jessica Mooney-11th

Intermediate: - Sandy Griffith/Jessica Duchene - 2nd; Casey Pringle/Shyanna Smith- 3rd.

Open: Casey Pringle/Shyanna Smith- 2nd

Cans Skate Team Elements: - Arden Harrop, Sonya Flatman, Claire Karaguesian, Ainsley Little - 2nd

Introductory A Elements:- Alex Yake, Natalie Griffin, Jessica Karaguesian, Haley Palmer-Arike - 7th; Introductory B Elements:- Jen Woolcott, Jessica Mooney, Ian Griffin, Bethany Little - 7th

Shadow Dance: Pre-Preliminary: - Natalie Griffin/Jessica Karaguesian - 6th; Alex Yake/Haley Palmer-Arike - 5th

Preliminary: - Jessica Mooney/Jen Woolcott - 7th; Bethany & Ainsley Little - 9th

Jr. Bronze: - Jessica Duchene/Sandy Griffith - 1st; Casey Pringle/Shyanna Smith - 5th; Sr. Bronze:- Jessica Duchene/Sandy Griffith - 3rd

Dance Fours: Sandy Griffith/Jessica Duchene/Casey Pringle/Shyanna Smith - 2nd.

Add on Jumps Primary: - Shyanna Smith - 1st

Intermediate: Casey Pringle - 2nd Senior:

Sandy Griffith - 2nd

Open: Casey Pringle - 1st

Individual Theatre on Ice Primary:- Jessica Karaguesian- 3rd; Ian Griffin - 7th;

Intermediate: Shyanna Smith - 1st; Casey Pringle - 4th;

Open: Sandy Griffith - 1st.

SHOWTIME: THRILLER - Haliburton Team - 5th.

Overall total of 44 points accumulated put the Haliburton Team in 3rd place overall. The first place Team of Lakefield had 50 points. Outstanding performance by the smallest Club attending. Congratulations ■.



HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
HEALTH SERVICES

For The Health Of The Highlands

NOTICE

The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton.

2009/10 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10). (Membership from last year, 2008/09, will expire at the close of the Annual General Meeting on June 25, 2009.)

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. To be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2009 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 6, 2009. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid and a membership card obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Hospitals, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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* this includes seasonal residents, ie., summer cottagers/landowners

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Nuclear Legacy

The number of insects and other invertebrates around the Chernobyl nuclear disaster site is still dramatically lower than normal nearly 22 years after the facility exploded. The finding contradicts statements from Ukraine officials that the local wildlife has rebounded. Anders Moller of the University of Paris-Sud said his team compared animal populations in radioactive areas around the nuclear power plant with those in less contaminated areas. "What we found was the same basic pattern throughout these areas — the numbers of organisms declined with increasing contamination," Moller wrote in the journal *Biology Letters*. He and colleague Timothy Mousseau had earlier found that brightly colored birds were some of the hardest hit animals after the plant exploded in 1986. Many surviving animals are deformed.

A Knock-Out Rescue

Marine mammal experts rescued a North Atlantic right whale that had become snared in fishing gear by sedating it so rescuers could remove most of the entanglement. It was the first time such a method had ever been used with whales, according to those who helped develop it at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Team members on four boats, assisted by an aerial survey plane, worked for two days to free the animal. They eventually succeeded in injecting the 40-foot, 40,000-pound whale with sedatives that allowed them to cut away the gear wrapped around its head. The new sedation delivery system uses a 12-inch needle and a syringe driven by compressed air, which injects the drug into the whale's muscle.

Queensland Spill

Nearly 40 miles of Australian beaches were blackened with oil that spilled from a cargo ship caught in stormy seas churned up by last week's Typhoon Hamish. More than 600 tons of ammonium nitrate fertilizer also spilled from the *Pacific Adventurer's* deck, sinking to the ocean floor in one of coastal Queensland's worst-ever environmental disasters. State Premier Anna Bligh declared the stretch of polluted coast a disaster zone as a navy mine-hunting ship searched for the 31 containers of lost chemicals. The cargo of the potentially dangerous fertilizer was lost near a marine sanctuary. Some environmental experts warned that if the nutrient-rich chemical is released into the sea, it could feed a huge algae bloom that could cause a marine life catastrophe.

South Seas Cyclone

The second tropical cyclone to form near the Cook Islands in as many weeks was dubbed Ken as the storm gained strength to the southwest of Rarotonga.

• Cyclone Ilsa formed over the Indian Ocean between Java and Australia's northwest coast.

Earthquakes

Indonesian islands between Sulawesi and the southern Philippines were jolted by a strong tremor that appeared to be an aftershock of a 7.4 magnitude quake on Feb. 12, which injured dozens of people and wrecked hundreds of buildings. No damage was reported from the latest quake.

• Earth movements were also felt in central Argentina, the Oklahoma City area, interior Alaska and metropolitan Melbourne, Australia.

Volcanic Rumbings

A spectacular undersea eruption was clearly visible to residents on the Tongan island of Tongatapu on Wednesday morning, with steam soaring thousands of feet into the sky above the South Pacific. The eruption occurred in a cluster of 36 known undersea volcanoes.

• Vulcanologists in Alaska briefly raised the alert status for the state's rumbling Redoubt volcano to orange after the mountain spewed steam and generated a swarm of tremors. That steam carried the first ash emission from Redoubt since the volcano's last series of eruptions in 1989-90.

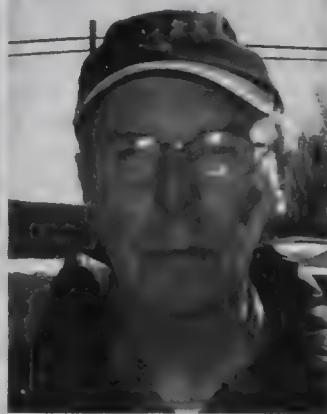
Mosquito Defense System

Technology emerging from the 1980s U.S. "Star Wars" defense system research now promises to help prevent the spread of malaria by zapping mosquitoes with lasers. Dubbed a "weapon of mosquito destruction," the laser fires at an individual mosquito once it detects the audio frequency created by the beating of the insect's wings. Lead scientist on the project, Dr. Jordin Kare, claims the laser will be able to toast millions of mosquitoes within a few minutes. The developers hope the technology might one day be used to create a laser "barrier" around a house or village by killing or blinding the insects. By fine-tuning the laser's strength, it could provide just enough killing power to smoke the mosquitoes without harming other insects or humans, the developers say. In the fight against malaria, the laser could be adjusted to kill only female mosquitoes, since they are the only ones that can spread the parasite.

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Have Your Say...
VOX POP

Premier Dalton McGuinty recently announced that Ontario will be spending \$27.5 billion on roads, schools, hospitals and public transit over the next two years in an effort to create 300,000 jobs. We asked people, "How do you feel about this announcement?" What areas of Haliburton County may need to be improved?"



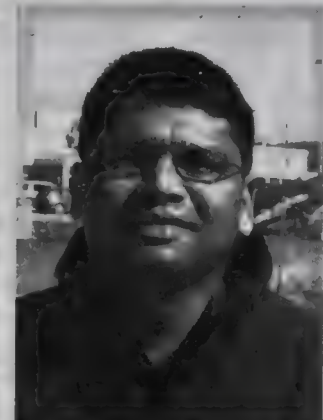
Bill Jackson, Toronto — "I think it's a good idea. It could help out a lot of people. With the way things are going in the economy, it's getting out of hand. As long as the funding goes in the right hands, it should be a good thing. The roads in Toronto are terrible. I think the roads up here are better. There are so many potholes in the city you practically have to drive all over the place."



Veronica Vajda, Harcourt — "I don't feel like it will help the people it's supposed to help. I doubt the money will go in the right places. Health care is getting more expensive across Ontario and doctors are getting harder to find. I feel that health care and roads both could use some work."



Ed Whiteway, Haliburton — "I think that it'll be a good thing in general, not only for infrastructure but also for the education system and health care. It's good to see this boost coming. We've got to get our economy going in the right direction. I think that the creation of jobs is usually a good thing. In the county we're fortunate to have a great health care system. Some of the roads could use some work though!"



Keith Gladstone, Bancroft — "I think it's a good idea to create jobs because of the situation that we're in. It'll be very helpful if there is alternative employment available to those who may have lost their jobs. It'll give them a chance to look for something else. We could use some improvements in health care, especially more doctors. More recreation opportunities for kids would also be good so they keep busy and stay out of trouble."

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"This is Africa - Things Are Different Here. Get Used To It"

"We listened as the gunfire continued. We heard angry shouting and explosions. After a few minutes all was silent. Then the sirens started."



Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

A few weeks ago I was eating dinner with my roommates Andrew and Nora when the silence of the African night was suddenly pierced by a burst of gunfire.

"What was that?" Nora asked. "Was that a gun?"

"It sure was," Andrew replied. "It was an AK 47, by the sounds of it."

"How do you know?"

"Because that's the machinegun the Taliban used against us," he said. "Nothing else sounds like an AK 47." Nora and I were scared, but Andrew spoke calmly. He is 25 years old and in his third year of university, but it was not long ago that he left the Canadian Armed Forces after doing a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Being under fire is nothing new to him. For Nora and me, the sound of machinegun fire is something very new, and very frightening. We all sat in silence, looking at each other across the dining table. After a few moments of silence, we heard another burst of machinegun fire. "It's close," Andrew said. "That's right out on our street."

We remained still. The street is only a few metres away from our dining room, but there is a high concrete wall in between. We knew we could not be seen from the street and we realized that the chances of getting hit by a stray bullet were small, but we were still too scared to move. We knew we should get down on the floor and lie flat. But we remained still.

We listened as the gunfire continued. We heard angry shouting and explosions. After a few minutes all was silent. Then the sirens started. Police cars and army vehicles flooded onto our street and the sound of the sirens filled our house. They authorities had arrived. "We're safe now," we thought. As the adrenaline and fear began to diminish I asked myself, "How did I ever end up in such a situation?"

It was six months ago I left my Gelert home and traveled to the West African country of Ghana for my third year of University. With several other students from Trent University, I spent four months studying International Development at the University of Ghana, in the capital city of Accra. The first half of the academic year consisted primarily of classroom learning with the occasional field trip around the country. The second part of the year is a four month internship with a nongovernmental development organization. Since I had already spent a few months enjoying the beaches and rainforests of southern Ghana, I decided to do my internship in the north, in the city of Tamale.

After spending the Christmas holidays backpacking around the West African countries of Togo, Benin, and Burkina Faso, I headed to the bus station in Accra for the 600 kilometre journey north to Tamale. At the bus station I spotted another 'white' man, which is a rare occurrence in Ghana. The young man approached me. He was lanky with shaggy hair, and smoking a cigarette. "Where are you heading?" he said with a thick Australian accent. "Tamale," I replied.

"Tamale?" he said. "Well then, enjoy your year of living dangerously."

"What's the supposed to mean?"

"You'll see soon enough," he said. "You'll see." Then he flicked his cigarette into an open sewer and walked away without another word.

I suppose one could not ask for a more ominous warning, but at the time I dismissed his words, assuming he was just a culture-shocked Aussie. So I boarded my bus and headed north. The drive to Tamale took 16 hours, as we drove through coastal shrub land, thick rainforests and jungle, and finally out onto the vast expanse of the African savannah. When I finally disembarked in Tamale,



late at night, one of the first things I noticed was the heat. With an average daily temperature of 42 degrees Celsius, the city is approximately 10 degrees hotter than what I was used to on the coast. Fortunately, it is far less humid. Southern Ghana is like a sauna, but located out on the savannah, Tamale is dry as a bone.

When I arrived at the bus station, I was greeted by my friends Andrew and Nora, who are also students in the Trent in Ghana program. We decided to rent a house together in Tamale, and they arrived a few weeks early to get everything ready.

My first few weeks in Tamale went smoothly. It's a small city, approximately the size of Lindsay. The population is predominantly Muslim, but there are a few Christians and a church or two. Tamale is close to the Sahara desert, so every once and a while a major dust storm will rip through the city, making it impossible to see and leaving a thick layer of dust on everything. As in most of West Africa, the people are friendly and very welcoming. I may be new to the city, but the inhabitants make me feel at home.

I began interning with a Canadian nongovernmental organization which is attempting to increase food security and agricultural yields in Ghana while also facilitating government decentralization. When my boss learned that I have worked for a newspaper, he quickly had me editing newsletters and pamphlets that the organization hopes to publish. My responsibilities have me in the office and behind a desk most of the time, but I also get to travel 'into the field' on occasion, and visit villages on the savannah and along Lake Volta.

So, after a few weeks in Tamale, all was going well. Then there was the shooting outside our house.

After the machinegun fire ended, the police and ambulance sirens continued long into the night. In the morning I went out onto the street and saw the damage. Several houses and shacks had been burnt down and two cars were by the side of the road, gutted and destroyed by fire. It was the gas tanks exploding that we had heard after the gunfire. The area was cordoned off by yellow police tape, and a single policeman stood guard. I was amazed to see people walk by the remnants of the attack without even pausing to look. Other than me, nobody was paying any attention to the charred remains of the buildings and cars.

I went back inside and switched on the radio, hoping to learn more about the previous night's attack. The local radio stationed explained that several men armed with AK 47 assault rifles shot at a family compound before setting the buildings and cars on fire. One man was killed in the attack, and another died later in

hospital. The radio station did not mention the motives behind the incident.

I asked my neighbours about the attack and they explained that it was part of a long history of violence. For hundreds of years, two clans named the Abudu and the Andani have lived in the area around Tamale. For decades there has been hostility between them. Things came to a head in 2002 when the clans clashed in a violent conflict that took the lives of 43 people and culminated in the gruesome killing and beheading of a long-serving Andani king. After this incident, the Ghanaian government imposed a curfew in Tamale. For three years, anybody found outside after sundown was shot on sight by the police.

Overtime hostility between the two clans diminished and the government lifted the curfew. Although the two clans are now enjoying an uneasy peace, there is the occasional conflict. Apparently the incident on my street was caused by some young Abudu men getting in a fistfight with some Adanis at the city bus station earlier in the day. The Abudu beat the Adani, who retreated with cuts and bruises. Bent on revenge, the Adani men gathered some friends, grabbed some machine guns, waited until nightfall, and attacked the Abudus who lived on my street.

The Ghanaian government is afraid that the attack might trigger more violence, so the police and army are now making a strong show of force to deter another attack. When I walk through town now it looks very different then it did a few weeks ago. On every street corner there are police officers wielding submachine guns. There are police checks on every street, and all cars are stopped and searched. Dozens of soldiers march down the streets, bayonets fixed on their rifles. Army tanks and armored personnel carriers patrol the streets, day and night.

There have been no more shootings, but a few days after the initial attack a 12 year old boy was stabbed to death. The police claim that the murder was unrelated to the clan conflict. Many locals do not believe this, since murders unrelated to ethnic conflict are extremely rare. My Ghanaian friends and co-workers, however, assure me that the violence is over for now. "We Ghanaians are cowards," one of my neighbours said. "With this many police officers and soldiers around, nobody would dare do anything."

The police have yet to make an arrest in relation to the shootings, which has caused a huge public outcry for justice. One of the victims of the shooting was a butcher, and now all of the butchers in the city have gone on strike, refusing to kill or process anymore animals until the shooter is arrested and charged. So there is now no meat to be found in the city. But there are lost of angry butchers demanding justice.

As if the situation isn't tense enough in Northern Ghana, there is now a meningitis outbreak sweeping across West Africa. In Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, and Nigeria 13,516 people have been infected in the last three weeks, and 931 have died. Ghanaians have good reason to be scared. In previous years meningitis outbreaks have crossed into Ghana, killing hundreds. At the moment, the epidemic is worst in Burkina Faso, which borders Ghana to the north, and is only 100 kilometres away from Tamale.

When I recently talked to my Congolese friend about the violence and disease currently affecting the region, she simply said, "T.I.A."

"What does that mean?" I asked.

"This Is Africa," she said. "Things are different here. Africa plays by its own rules and things don't happen here like they do in Canada. There's violence, there's hunger, there's disease, and there's poverty. This is Africa. Get used to it."

My time in Ghana is coming to an end and I will be returning to the Haliburton Highlands soon. I'm going to continue to create as much positive change as I can, because despite my friend's advice, I'll never be used to the violence, hunger, disease, and poverty. ■

U-Link Keynote Speaker Says Highlands is a Burgeoning Eco-Study Destination

Schleifenbaum Portrays Haliburton Forest as Bubbling Multi-faceted Laboratory

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Peter Schleifenbaum stands before a crowded room at Fleming College and, every now and again, the inflection sharpens, the cadence quickens and the smile slyly escapes from the normally gruff confines of his square jaw.

You see, sometimes, the apostolic aspect of his usually staid persona bubbles to the top, and overflows with the effervescent zeal of the new age preacher. And when it does, as it did last Saturday afternoon, it's infectious.

In a good way. Schleifenbaum has an innate capacity to translate his abiding respect for nature to an audience.

Schleifenbaum, the forward-leaning Owner of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd. was the keynote speaker at the U-Links Celebration of Research 2009 symposium, an informative and evocative half-day celebration of learning, describing a series of loosely-linked environmental and social studies initiated and ongoing here in the Highlands.

The U-Links Center for Community-Based Research delivers the Community-Based Education Program in Haliburton County, bringing the resources of the university to the community and the resources of the community to the university.

U-Links invited Schleifenbaum to speak precisely because he embodies the many faceted goals of U-Links community-based research.

For years, the innovative Haliburton Forest head honcho has been bucking trends, summoning groundbreaking and seminal wildlife studies and expanding his base of operations into 'ever-greener' pastures.

In 1998, Haliburton Forest was the first Canadian forest "certified" by the international Forest Stewardship Council for its environmentally and socially beneficial practices. More than that, Schleifenbaum is also a man who sees the benefits of opening his unique forest preserve to scientists and scientific study.

He has embraced U-Linked research and has offered his forest reserve for studies of insect, fish and wildlife, in addition to his own de rigueur and ongoing work into the living legacy of our forests.

In the course of his well-researched 45-minute presentation, Schleifenbaum kept the packed room engaged and informed, outlining a number of ongoing projects which are keeping Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve on the cutting edge of a consolidated world-wide research effort.

Understand. Schleifenbaum is a man on a mission; and he is also a man imbued with drive, mental acuity and the full knowledge that an understanding of our basic place on this earth will come not from a test tube, but instead from a comprehensive and motivated study of nature's foundational pilings. The DNA of a forest and the underlying ecosystem is subject to catastrophic change wrought, in the main, by man's shortsighted disregard for sustainable practice.

"Our lab is Haliburton Forest," Schleifenbaum told the audience at the beginning of his presentation. He says that studies commissioned in the Haliburton Forest have led to many outstanding and groundbreaking conclusions.

Serendipity and the Super Fish – Casselman Discovers Haliburton Gold

His first illuminating story concerned that fundamental building block of scientific research, the serendipitous discovery. Understand that Sir Alexander Fleming was never looking for penicillin when he left a glass dish languishing in a lab for a week. Only later did Fleming see magic in the mildew.

And when Dr. John Casselman, a senior scientist with the MNR, first came to Haliburton Forest, in the late 70s, to study the deleterious effects of acid rain on a chain of lakes in Haliburton Forest, the discovery of a strain of super fish was never in the cards. But hey, sometimes, when you least expect it, a eureka moment – or that super fish – pops to surface.

"As [Casselman] cranked up his work into acid rain he began looking into Lake Trout and his frustration level grew," explains Schleifenbaum. "Here was a Lake Trout in a Haliburton lake that did not fit the mold ... it was supposed to be a Lake Trout, but it doesn't act like a Lake Trout." Further studies led Casselman to assume the inevitable, says Schleifenbaum. This was no ordinary trout.

What Casselman found in the lakes of Haliburton Forest were what an MNR study termed, "[one of the] oldest and purest strains of lake trout in the world." Unique characteristics of this strain of Haliburton Lakers include rapid growth and early maturity. Casselman concluded that these attributes allow them to withstand more fishing pressure and higher harvest levels than other strains of lake trout.

Schleifenbaum says that the fish, dubbed "Haliburton Gold" led to the foundation of the flourishing Fish Hatchery here in Haliburton. "It [the fish hatchery] wouldn't be here without John Casselman's studies," says Schleifenbaum.

He remains convinced that we have a lot to learn from our living labs here in the Highlands. He goes on to cite the rather steep decline of fish species in Haliburton lakes since the introduction of the Rock Bass – a predator alien species responsible for the complete decimation of numerous other native fish species in area lakes. "Be flexible and expect the unexpected," says Schleifenbaum, who says that nature's building blocks are perched precariously, and one errant domino introduced into the precious balance – a Rock Bass, a Carp or even the European Earthworm – could topple the pile. The Carp, the Zebra Mussel, Purple Loosetrife and the Rock Bass are examples of species that can

upset the dappled appletart of an indigenous ecosystem.

Schleifenbaum's evangelical zeal comes with the territory. Part and parcel, if you will, of the ever-expanding range of activity he supports in his huge 60,000-acre classroom and living laboratory.

He has even opened the popular Canopy Walk in the Clouds – a touristy bonanza – to scientific study. Renowned University of Toronto Forest Entomologist Dr. Sandy Smith actually set up an ersatz shop on the canopy trail, an interconnected series of platforms – set Tarzan style connected by rope bridges along the high wire parapet of old growth trees – performing studies into wasp species that exist high up above the forest floor.

"We call her the Wasp Lady," says Schleifenbaum. Schleifenbaum says that Dr. Smith's living lab in the canopy led to some very interesting and groundbreaking discoveries.

"She found new species of insects living high above the forest floor in the canopy," says Schleifenbaum. Indeed she discovered five new species of wasps – not the stinging variety, Schleifenbaum

assures his audience – and one of them Schleifenbaum says that may even be saddled with a moniker that includes Haliburton in the nomenclature. He says that the insect studies have evolved to include another program that seeks to look at the long-range effects of the common earthworm. Not so common as we all believe says Schleifenbaum, who says that the gardeners favorite little helper is not native to North America, but was imported from abroad. He says that scientists have yet to discover whether earthworm activity in Canadian forests is actually beneficial to the natural dynamic. "They are exotic intruders," says Schleifenbaum. And so Haliburton Forest is also involved in helping scientists from the U of T discover whether earthworms could be beneficial or if they're a 'ground-breaking' land-based equivalent of the Rock Bass.

And of course there are the ongoing forest studies, and one in particular that has captivated Schleifenbaum. University of Freiburg researchers wired a number of trees with a very sensitive series of sensors. The experiment is tied to a study into the growth and yield of trees. But instead of monitoring the trees on a year-by-

year basis, the sensors send info minute-by-minute.

"Wacky guys these Germans," laughs Schleifenbaum, taking his audience with him through a series of PowerPoint slides showing the wired trees and a mysterious box that charts these old trees and monitors their reactions to small changes in the environment.

The equivalent of watching paint dry, one might surmise. But one would be wrong. Surprising results these wacky Germans have gleaned from the old, old trees in Haliburton Forest.

"What they have learned is that trees do respond to changes, even minute-by-minute," says Schleifenbaum. Including a never-before-known fact that thunderstorms increase growth by 500 percent over rates seen in a regular rain shower. What does it mean? Well that's for the wacky Germans to decipher. What's important is that we have learned something of the very volatile nature of an intrinsic set piece of nature that we now know is never so stoic and immutable as it appears.

The living laboratory of Haliburton Forest, it seems, is full of surprises.

Studies into small mammals like the Pine Marten and the Flying Squirrel in Haliburton Forest have also presented some little known facts. Like the fact that the Northern Flying Squirrel is actually rarer than the Southern Flying Squirrel. For decades research assumed that it was the other way round. Pine Martens were assumed to need a coniferous forest to thrive. Studies in Haliburton Forest note that the Pine Marten does quite well in the hardwood deciduous confines as well, needing only a large supply of fallen trees – deciduous or coniferous – to thrive.

Other biologists are studying the deleterious effects of a small nematode known as the brain worm. In recent years the brain worm has been linked to the death of many moose in the area. There is an assumption that the worm invades the brains of moose and causes confusion, leading in many cases to a confused walk on the highway. Dead Moose walking if you will. Biologist Chris Goodwin, working out of Haliburton Forest is conducting studies into deer and moose populations and attempting to discover why the brain worm enters the brains of moose, but stays relatively benign in a layer outside of the deer's brain.

Schleifenbaum has also overseen the construction of a large tower that has a platform high above the top canopy of the Haliburton Forest. Scientists will use the platform to study carbon flux emissions.

Again, groundbreaking study, destined, Schleifenbaum hopes, to bring Haliburton Forest to the cutting edge of carbon flux research.

According to Peter Schleifenbaum, this is all pretty important stuff. From the recently constructed carbon neutral sawmill operation in Haliburton Forest, to all of the U-Linked studies being conducted in and around the Wildlife Reserve and the many lakes.

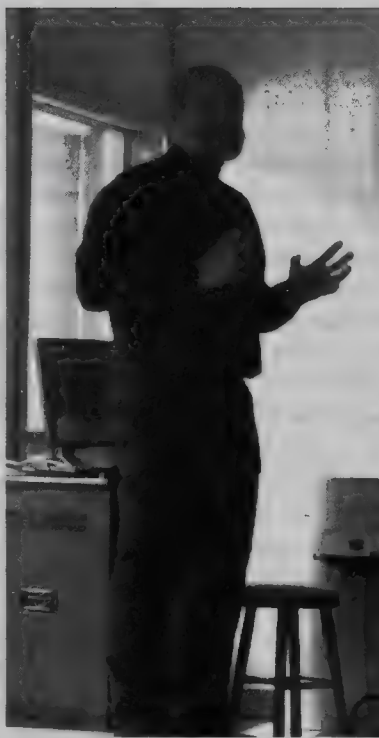
And if he could sum it all up?

"In forests lie the salvation of the world," says Schleifenbaum near the end of his rollicking and informative presentation.

And folks: it's only hyperbole if you can't back it up.

And it's only moldy mildew in a flat glass dish.

Until you take that second overreaching glance. ■



For week of Mar. 30/09

Horoscopes It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in helping those who cannot help themselves. Although it embarrasses you, the fact is, people like you and tell you so.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Putting yourself in someone else's shoes isn't easy for you. But if you do it, you'll gain a better perspective of what you need to do to achieve your goals. Be open to new ideas.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There are still some problems you might have to deal with before moving on to your next project. It's a good idea to accept help from those who share your objectives.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to recognize the difference between those who are truly concerned for you and those who simply plan to use your good nature to their advantage. New ideas become increasingly attractive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Depending on a promise made becoming a promise kept could be more than a mite unwise at this time. It's best to proceed on your own rather than wait for aid that might never arrive.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recently revitalized relationship might not be quite what the Big Cat expected. But give yourself more time to deal with the changes. A little flexibility can go a long way. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A major change could prompt more adjustments. Some of them might be difficult to deal with at first. But hang in there, and before you know it, you'll be coasting to your next goal.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice prompts you to speak out against an unfair situation, even if you seem to be the only one who feels that way. But you soon learn that many others agree with you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating a fuss is not usually your style. But that doesn't mean you should tolerate an ill-mannered attitude. Speak up for yourself, and you'll earn the respect of others.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have a few loose ends to tie up before you can stamp your project as complete. But once that's done, you might want to celebrate with someone special in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disappointment darkens the Goat's mood. But close friends rally to pull you through with words of encouragement. Use their confidence in you to rebuild your own self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An upcoming decision might be more difficult with inaccurate information. Best to recheck the data you have at hand right now to be sure it won't mislead you later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An offer you previously turned down might no longer be available. But if you do some checking around, you could find something else that would suit you just fine.

Super Crossword

DOG DAZE

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- 53 Gumbo veggie

- 54 "— generis"
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- 61 It may be square
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- 72 Celebrity
- 73 Act human
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- 80 Trusting sort
- 82 Break
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- 85 Certain prisoner
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- 88 Medieval menial
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- 98 NASA affirmative
- 100 Brad, for one
- 101 Co. kingpin
- 102 Canine aircraft?

- 107 Dancer Paviola
- 108 — May Oliver
- 110 Nonclerical
- 111 Plead
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- 114 Hamilton bill
- 115 Pluck
- 117 Besides
- 120 Pirate's quaff
- 122 Canine fairy tale?
- 129 Captivated
- 131 Christiania, today
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- 133 Set of threads
- 135 Fuel choice
- 136 "Elephant Boy" actor
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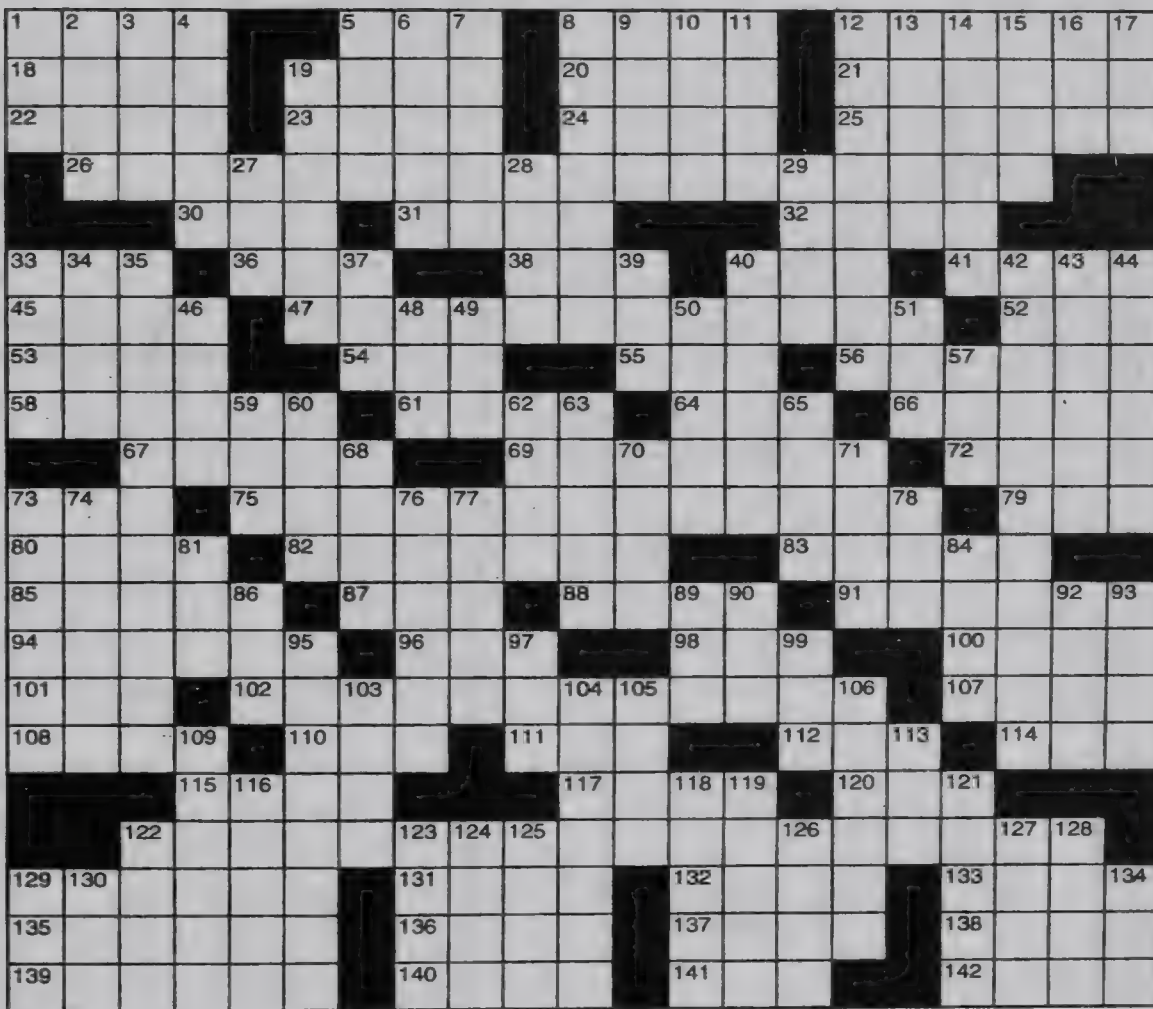
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- 40 Toy fate
- 42 Canine singer?

- 43 Wayland Flowers puppet
- 44 A hole near the sole
- 46 Author Sheehy
- 48 Great bird?
- 49 Cotton —
- 50 Computer acronym
- 51 — Kippur
- 57 Ring figure
- 59 Cornfield cry
- 60 Correct a text
- 62 Pat on the buns?
- 63 Colosseum completer
- 65 Took the plunge
- 68 Adams or McClurg
- 70 "Vissi d'—" ("Tosca" aria)
- 71 Around the corner
- 73 Intertwine
- 74 Inveighed (against)
- 76 Personify
- 77 Defy a dictator
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- 89 Meadow male
- 90 Dandy
- 92 Yearn
- 93 Cavalry characteristic
- 95 Murphy role
- 97 Society miss
- 99 Essential
- 103 Solemn statement
- 104 Envious
- 105 Citrus fruit
- 106 Once in a blue moon
- 109 Horrified
- 113 Baby basenji
- 116 Drive off
- 118 Draconian
- 119 Furry fisherman
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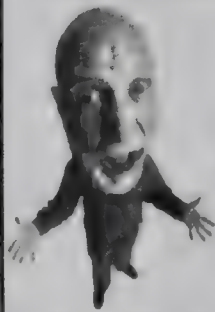
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Money Will Be Spent Wisely, Says Fire Chief

\$9,200 Goes to Dysart et al Volunteer Fire Department from Haliburton Forest Poker Run Fundraiser

Each year one of Haliburton County's largest and most successful poker run's is held at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. Not only does the event highlight the fun sport of snowmobiling, but it also raises large sums of money for local organizations.

This past Monday, Dave Bishop of the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve paid a visit to the Dysart et al volunteer fire department to present the group with a cheque for \$9,200 that was generated from the 20th annual run held in February.

Although Miles Maughan, Fire Chief, said that he didn't know what the funds would be used for as of yet, he did say that the money will be put to good use.

From last year's ride, \$8,000 was given to the same department. Those funds were used to purchase a thermal imaging camera that helps firefighters locate hot spots in a building even through smoke, darkness or heat-permeable barriers.

"We've used that piece of equipment so many times," said Maughan, who added that before receiving the camera, firefighters had to play a guessing game as to where the

source of the fire or heat build-up was coming from.

In previous years, the Haliburton Forest Poker Run has raised over \$100,000 for the Haliburton Hospital.

Miles Maughan, Dysart et al Fire Chief, and several volunteer firefighters, receive a cheque for \$9,200 from Dave Bishop of the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve.



Death Notices



Kenneth Hamill (Resident of Haliburton & Redstone Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully on Saturday afternoon, March 14, 2009 at Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side in his 81st year. Beloved husband and best friend of 56 years to Patricia Spittle. Loving father of Debbie and Jeff (Mary). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kevin, Laura, Michael and Kristin. Predeceased by his brother Jack and his sister Eleanor. Ken will be sadly missed by his devoted family and many friends.

Celebration Of Life

Friends are invited to celebrate Ken's life with the family at the HALIBURTON CURLING CLUB 970 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday afternoon, April 5, 2009 from 2 until 4:30 p.m. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated, for their kindness and understanding through this difficult time. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Announcements

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Gloria" for two years. We met at work, hit it off immediately and became close friends. I love her dearly, and I'm devastated by what's happening to her. Gloria is dying of AIDS and now has a rare brain infection that has caused her to lose most of her faculties. She goes in and out of dementia, and her prognosis is two months.

I have been by Gloria's side so frequently that her family has "adopted" me. I help with her care and am the only one of her friends and co-workers who has visited since she took this turn.

My problem is, since I have been around Gloria's family, I have learned that nearly everything she has ever told me is untrue. She has flat-out lied about many things -- big and small -- that weren't even necessary to lie about. I feel like I don't know my friend at all and never did.

As sad as I am to see Gloria suffering and dying, I am hurt and angry that I was repeatedly deceived by someone I thought was my friend. I keep telling myself it shouldn't matter now, but the more the truth comes out, the harder it is for me to go over there and help.

How can I get past this, forgive Gloria and get back to the business of helping her in her final weeks? -- WOUNDED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR WOUNDED: People lie for many reasons. Some of them do it because they are ashamed to tell the truth. Others lie out of fear or to gain an advantage, and some people do it because they can't help themselves. But somewhere in the tapestry of lies that this poor woman wove is a part of her authentic self. It is the part that made you identify with her in the first place.

What you are doing for Gloria now is both generous and emotionally wrenching. You do not deserve the "payoff" for your efforts to be spending the rest of your life resenting her for her shortcomings. You are giving her one of the most important gifts a person can give to another, but it is one that you are also giving to yourself. If you remember that, you will have no regrets.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is a widow living on a fixed income. From time to time various relatives have moved in with her. They offer limited financial assistance, but none appear inclined to keep the house in good repair.

I have gone beyond my financial limits to help Mama with emergencies, such as paying the light bill and making repairs to her house. My husband and I also clean up and do yard work over there. I am not an only child, but my siblings do not feel inclined to help out.

Yesterday, Mama again asked me for financial help to make repairs to the house. Did I mention there are four other people living there? While I never resent helping my mother, I sometimes do resent struggling to pay for upkeep and repairs to a home while other able-bodied adults living there benefit from my hard work. They are freeloading off my generosity.

Should I continue paying for my mother's house and mine? I have offered several times to let her move in with me, but she can't bear to give up her home. -- FEELING USED IN GEORGIA

DEAR FEELING USED: It's time for you to have a heart-to-heart talk with your mother and your siblings and explain that you are no longer willing to shoulder this responsibility all by yourself. Tell her that if she's going to receive further help from you, she must either inform her "houseguests" they must pony up and contribute financially and with the chores, or allow you to tell them on her behalf. You are all adults, and it's time that everyone started acting like it. Please understand that unless you are willing to draw the line, nothing will change.

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FOCA Launches New Lake Planning Handbook

Lake and cottage associations that are contemplating the creation of a lake plan will now have a very useful tool to assist them. Earlier this month the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) held their annual general meeting at the York Reception Centre in Toronto and the highlight of the evening was the official launch of the Lake Planning Handbook for Community Groups.

The Lake Planning Handbook is a guide that FOCA has developed with the assistance of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC), French Planning Services Inc., the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a group of volunteers from the Haliburton Area.

According to Paul MacInnes, one of the advisory group members on the project, the idea of preparing a lake planning manual originated with Don Benson. He said that Benson, who is the President of the Mountain Lake Property Owners Association and a member of the Stewardship Council has put countless hours of work into the project. He said, "If it hadn't been for Don, the project simply wouldn't have happened."

MacInnes said that the first lake plan was done almost exactly 10 years ago for Peninsula Lake. Since that time the number of lakes seeing the benefit of having a lake plan has grown considerably, but in some cases the cost to develop plans has exceeded \$50,000 and has taken two years or more to complete.

"Don recognized that if there was something in place to walk people through the process and provide them with the contact resources that are available, individual groups wanting a lake plan could do it in far less time and at a considerably lower cost. There are always lessons to be learned from those who have completed their own lake plans."

"Don took the idea to the Stewardship Council who partnered with FOCA on the project and things took off from there," MacInnes said.

Early last year Samantha Brown, Lake Planning Coordinator from FOCA and Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator for HHSC introduced the lake planning pilot project to the Municipal Councils in the County. The planning process was described as a collaborative project designed to support water stewardship efforts and lake planning initiatives of waterfront communities in Ontario. Part of the exercise was to identify information gaps that can be encountered when developing a plan. Brown and Tuyten called the process "Lake Planning 101."

Brown and Tuyten sought participation from the Municipal Councils to assist in streamlining the process and look at how the lake associations can best interact with Municipalities when establishing their plans. They focused their attention on finding a volunteers group from within the Haliburton area and sought volunteers through their FOCA membership. They were fortunate in finding a strong group of keen volunteers with ties to various lake and ratepayer associations. The group also included several Municipal Councillors and a Municipal Planner.

The Pilot Group members included Paul MacInnes of Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association, Gus Janca of the Canning Lake Association, Aline Huleva from Redstone Lake, Case Bessie from Soyers Lake, Rob Davis from Lake Kashagawigamog, Margaret Clayton of Salerno (Devil's) Lake, Dennis Choptiany from Koshlong Lake, Don Benson from Mountain Lake, Stephen Foster from Loon Lake, Mike Whittle from Beech Lake, Suzanne Partridge representing the Paudash Lake Conservation Association and Councillor for the Municipality of Highlands East, Janis Parker from the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association and Councillor for Dysart et al and last, but certainly not least Pat Martin, Planner for Dysart.

The pilot group has held a number of meetings at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. With the help of Randy French, a consultant from French Planning Services, they did a lot of brain storming to consider exactly what kind of information and tools were necessary to establish lake plans for their lakes as well as establishing good stewardship practices.

Brown said, "The group then looked at how to apply that information on a province wide basis." She said that the wants and needs of the associations in Haliburton are very similar to those across the province, but to ensure they were meeting the needs of

all of the associations they also made inquiries from among the FOCA membership as well as other organizations with similar interests.

Brown said that the participation of all the volunteers was great, but having several Municipal Councillors as well as a community planner helped immensely in determining how the associations could work with the municipalities and other government organizations before diving into their planning process in earnest. Brown also said that there was strong emphasis placed on the need to communicate with municipal planners and Councils from the beginning of the planning process.

The Lake Planning Handbook has three main components and was built on the experiences of lake associations across the province; first by effectively engaging the community, volunteers, municipalities and government agencies; second by ensuring the appropriate

resources are in place - information links, examples, methodology, techniques and identification of information gaps and finally through implementation - starting at the beginning, looking at initiatives on the ground and by determining who can help and how you can achieve your goals.

The Lake Planning Handbook and the electronic resources that accompany it, provides lake associations and community groups with access to examples of lake plans, stewardship initiatives, surveys, workshops, projects and more that similar groups from all over Ontario have put together and implemented in their own communities.

FOCA worked on the project in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Hon. Donna Cansfield was in attendance to speak about the positive implications that the handbook will have for community associations across Ontario.

Cansfield also distributed certificates of appreciation to the pilot group of volunteers who provided input from the end users point of view during the development of the handbook and generally represented the interests of lake associations.

According to Terry Rees, FOCA's Executive Director, the certificates were provided in recognition of the volunteers' time and dedication while working on the planning tools. Rees said that while the certificates were a very modest sign of appreciation they were no less important given extent of assistance provided by the pilot group.

FOCA is a non-profit organization that serves as an information centre and provides assistance to Ontario's cottage associations. Their overall interests include the environment, fair property taxation, safe boating, risk management and rural infrastructure and services.

The Lake Planning Handbook will be available from FOCA. According to Brown it will be a very useful guide for community groups to help with planning and projects or stewardship initiatives that they would like to take on and she encourages them to contact FOCA. For more information about the lake planning program check out www.foca.on.ca or e-mail lakeplanning@foca.on.ca.



FOCA's Samantha Brown

TRUCKLE, Charles Joseph



(Longtime member of the Omeme & District Lions Club) ~ Entered into rest peacefully while in his sleep, at his home in Omeme on Sunday, March 22, 2009. Charlie, in his 56th year, was the beloved husband of Karen (nee McPhee). Loving father of Leeann (Jonah), and Rob (Krista). Survived by his

mother Isabelle, sister Lynne, and brothers John (Lynn), Jim (Betsy), and Alan (Sandra). Missed greatly by his many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his father James. Visitation at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in the chapel on Friday, March 27th at 3:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Omeme and District Lions Club would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mackeys.ca.



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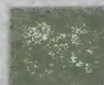
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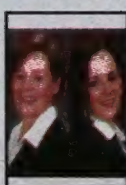
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